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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Thursday, February 11, 2021
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in consideration of
SB 1109
RELATING TO THE STATE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair English, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

The Office of Planning (OP) **supports** this measure.

In April 2020, during the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Office of Planning's Director and State's Sustainability Coordinator were activated to provide statewide COVID-19 disaster planning assistance to the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) to reopen the state's economy. HI-EMA assembled a team of state planners and coordinators to provide emergency disaster recovery planning. The State's Sustainability Coordinator and the Planning Director provided this emergency planning and disaster recovery assistance; and the Office of Planning co-founded the creation of the State Unified Recovery and Resiliency Facilitation Team (SURRF Team) in May 2020.

As a result from this activation, one month later the State's [*Beyond Recovery: Reopening Hawai'i*](#) strategy was announced by the Governor on May 18, 2020. As a member of the SURRF Team, OP provided planning assistance to the development of the second installment of the State's COVID-19 Disaster Recovery efforts, the [*Beyond Recovery: Safe Travels Hawai'i*](#) strategy, announced and published in October 2020.

The creation and activation of the State Disaster Recovery Framework was modeled after the FEMA Disaster Recovery Framework for the state-level, utilizing state agencies toward statewide disaster recovery. The SURRF Team also designed the State's COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Support Functions. The development of State Recovery Support Functions was necessary to provide concurrent State COVID-19 Disaster Response and Recovery operations jointly utilizing state agencies through the Emergency Support Functions (ESF) model and the Recovery Support Function (RSF) model.

The Office of Planning supports SB 1109, which codifies and officially establishes the State Disaster Recovery Framework and Program. With a changing climate, the Office of Planning anticipates the need for future disaster recovery; and as a co-founding agency of this framework, the Office of Planning is committed to support the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator and HI-EMA toward the equitable, sustainable, and resilient recovery for the State of Hawai'i.



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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1109,
RELATING TO THE STATE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

Before the Senate Committee on
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

By

Luke P. Meyers
Administrator, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair English and Members of the Committee:

Senate Bill 1109 establishes the Hawaii State Disaster Recovery Program and Framework and describes the role of the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator.

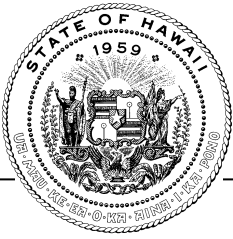
The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **supports** Senate Bill 1109.

The enhancements provided by this measure to the State Disaster Recovery Program as well as the clarifications on the role of the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator (SDRC) will strengthen our State's preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities against both natural and human-caused disasters.

HI-EMA is responsible under HRS 127A for overall state emergency management coordination including recovery. HI-EMA works with federal partners including the Federal Emergency Management Agency after a disaster and this measure clarifies how the SDRC will work with HI-EMA and the HI-EMA Administrator in times of disaster on the long-term recovery items. The legislation also identifies connections to the state comprehensive emergency management plan and products produced by the SDRC.

Thank you.

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Thursday, February 11, 2021
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Via Videoconference

In support of
SB 1109
RELATING TO THE STATE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair English and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) **supports** SB 1109, an Administration bill, which enhances the capacity of the government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover from the impacts of disasters and seeks to build resilience and sustainability by establishing the framework for and the State Disaster Recovery Program, which includes the role of the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator.

State, public, and private organizations all share in providing for the public's health and safety, including when preparing for disaster response and recovery. It is essential that the response, recovery, and mitigation activities of all parties, including the energy assurance and resiliency activities of the HSEO, be fully aligned and effectively coordinated on a statewide basis.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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I oppose