

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**TESTIMONY ON SCR111, SD1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Before the House Committee on
PANDEMIC and DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

By

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Aloha Chair Ichiyama, Vice-Chair Eli, and Members of the Committee:

SCR111 requests the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency to convene a task force to study and identify appropriate stockpiles storage facility options to store and distribute emergency supplies in the State of Hawai'i.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **offers comments** on SCR111, SD1.

As the COVID-19 virus has proven across the globe, local medical facilities can easily be over-run and their emergency resources depleted in times of pandemic or other natural or human-caused emergencies. In particular, limited, available assets and means on a remote chain of islands demands strong measures in times of crisis. By convening a task force of the state's experts, SCR111 ensures the state will have the tools necessary to help mitigate these impacts.

HI-EMA would recommend a representative from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency be included on the task force as they are the lead for State Emergency Support Function #7 which oversees Logistics and Resource Management for incidents in the State.

Thank you.

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Written Statement of
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In consideration of
SCR111, SD1
**REQUESTING THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO CONVENE A TASK
FORCE TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE STOCKPILE STORAGE FACILITY
OPTIONS TO STORE AND DISTRIBUTE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.**

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Eli, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) offers **comments** on SCR111, SD1.

HTDC defers to the Department regarding the establishment of a task force. HTDC comments that we recently completed a design charette for the First Responders Tech Campus at Mililani Tech Park which may be a viable option for a storage facility on Oahu. Representatives from HI-EMA and the Department of Defense participated in the charette. HTDC also recently completed a CARES grant program to help strengthen the local supply chain of Personal Protective Equipment. HTDC hopes to facilitate a strong relationship between the stockpile facility and the local supply chain. We look forward to working with all stakeholders in helping to keep Hawai'i safe.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.