

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1417  
A BILL RELATING TO WATER

PRESENTATION TO  
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

BY

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Administrator, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency

Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair LoPresti and Members of the Committee.

Aloha - I am Vern T. Miyagi, Administrator of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am supporting the intent of House Bill 1417 as long as it does not replace the Governor's priorities as requested in his executive budget and that the measure can support, in addition to water, the other critical resources needed during a disaster.

I do sincerely appreciate the measure's recognition and focus on the importance of community resilience and preparedness regarding our water resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony supporting the intent of House Bill 1417.



February 2, 2017

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY**

Rep. Gregg Takayama, Chair; Rep. Matthew LoPresti, Vice Chair; and Committee Members  
Public Hearing, February 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., Conference Room 312

**TESTIMONY of WILLIAM F. ANONSEN  
MANAGING PARTNER/PRINCIPAL of THE MARITIME GROUP, LLC  
In Support of the Intent of H.B. 1417**

*My name is William Anonsen and I am the Managing Partner/Principal of THE MARITIME GROUP, LLC. We support the intent of HB 1417 which would require the development of a post-disaster fresh drinking water security plan. The responsibilities of ensuring the integrity of a safe water system are shared responsibilities of many entities.*

*It will be helpful to have in place an emergency response plan that incorporates the results of vulnerability assessments that are essential in maintaining system wide access to safe drinking water. The emergency response plan should include, but not be limited to; plans, procedures, and identification of equipment that can be implemented or utilized in the event of a terrorist or other intentional attack on the public water system.*

*The emergency response plan should also include actions, procedures, and identification of equipment which can obviate or significantly lessen the impact of terrorist attacks or other intentional actions on the public health and the safety and supply of drinking water provided to communities and individuals.*

*The need for collaboration and shared responsibility by many partners throughout the various island counties to ensure an adequate potable water supply in the aftermath of an event.*

***Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on the intent of this measure.***

Sincerely,

*William F. Anonsen*

William F. Anonsen  
Managing Partner/Principal

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