



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i*

**Testimony to**  
**The House Committee on Public Safety**  
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
Representative Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair  
and  
**The House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs,**  
**& Culture and the Arts**  
Representative K. Mark Takai, Chair  
Representative Ken Ito, Vice Chair

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**Bill No. and Title:** House Bill No. 849, Relating to Emergency Management.

**Purpose:** Recodifies Hawai‘i’s emergency management statutes by updating the statutes, clarifying the relationship between the state and county emergency management agencies, and delineating the emergency management functions and powers of the Governor and mayors.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary supports the intent of House Bill 849.

The Judiciary also notes one concern about House Bill No. 849. Section 16 of the bill would repeal Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 128. Accordingly, the bill includes provisions that amend other statutes that make reference to chapter 128, to specific sections of chapter 128, or to the terms “civil defense.” However, the bill does not include any provision to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes section 601-1.5(a), which references both “civil defense” and section 128-7. House Bill No. 849 should be revised to include an additional section that amends section 601-1.5(a) by deleting the references to “civil defense” and section 128-7.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 849.