



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**BILL NUMBER:** HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 204

**TITLE:** REQUESTING THE STATE AND THE COUNTIES TO  
PRIORITIZE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL HOMELAND  
SECURITY FUNDS ON INTEROPERABLE  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

**DEPARTMENT'S  
POSITION:** We support the resolution.

**COMMENTS:** The Department of Transportation believes it is important to  
maintain timely and coordinated communications among state and  
county first responders. This capability is essential in our efforts to  
ensure public safety during emergencies.

We, therefore, support the resolution's call to give funding priority  
for the development and establishment of a statewide interoperable  
communications system.