STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3154

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 5 2024

RE:

H.B. No. 2805

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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2805, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate an unspecified amount of money to the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a multiethnic cohort study and develop and maintain a registry regarding the health effects of the August 2023 Maui wildfires.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii; University of Hawaii; 'Ahahui o na Kauka: Association of Native Hawaiian Physicians; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; American Lung Association in Hawaii; Hawaii Community Foundation; Hawaii Health C.A.R.E. Hui; Hawaii Medical Association (HMA); Hawaii Public Health Association; Hawaii Psychological Association; Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Medical Services Association (HMSA); Roots Reborn; Tagnawa for Maui; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the funding for a multiethnic cohort study and establishment of a registry in this measure will

provide invaluable information to the State, local organizations, and policymakers regarding the full impacts of the Maui wildfires.

Your Committee notes that in its written comments, the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization has requested the following appropriation amounts for this measure:

- (1) \$1,500,000 for the multiethnic cohort study; and
- (2) \$835,000 for the establishment of a registry.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2805, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2806 HD SD	Committee Referral: Date: 4/9/2024				
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		Х			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)		×	·		
AQUINO, Henry J.C.		X			
DECOITE, Lynn					
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.		Х Х Х			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.					X
KIM, Donna Mercado		Х			,
LEE, Chris					
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		X			
WAKAI, Glenn		X			
FEVELLA, Kurt					X
TOTAL		11	8	0	2
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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