

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1924
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water & Land and Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 1924 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the University of Hawaii to establish a two-year program to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and one member of the Honolulu City Council. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees find that the wildfire forecast system proposed by this measure will forecast the risks of wildfire statewide to enhance public safety, preparedness, and risk mitigation, including improving the preparedness of firefighters and enabling residents to take proactive fire mitigation measures for their homes and plan for evacuations.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:



- (1) Specifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

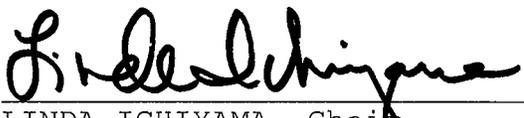
Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1924, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1924, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water & Land and
Higher Education & Technology,



AMY A. PERRUSO, Chair



LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



