

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 16 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2805
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. 2805 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a multiethnic cohort study regarding the 2023 Maui wildfires.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i System; Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Malama Kula; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawai'i Public Health Association; American Lung Association Hawai'i; Hawai'i Health C.A.R.E.S. Hui; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees find that the effect of the wildfires on the health and welfare of Maui residents and the needs of the community should be examined carefully so that informed decisions can be made toward the implementation of policies necessary to the recovery process.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

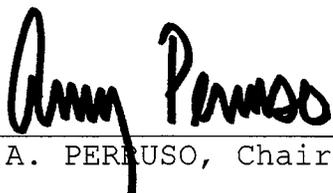


- (1) Specifying that the scope of the multiethnic cohort study is the health effects of the 2023 Maui wildfires;
- (2) Specifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern;
- (3) Requiring the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to maintain a registry of those affected by the wildfires to assess their long-term health and well-being;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

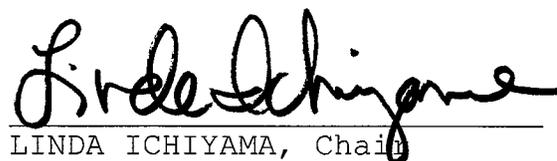
Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,500,000 for the multi-ethnic cohort study and \$834,681 for the registry.

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. 2805, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2805, 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,



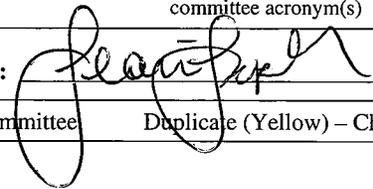
AMY A. PERRUSO, Chair



LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2805	Committee Referral: WAL/HET, Fin	Date: 1/31/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HET Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. PERRUSO, Amy A. (C)	✓			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	✓			
3. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
4. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
5. MARTINEZ, Rose	✓			
6. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	✓			
7. MIZUNO, May Besario	✓			
8. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
9. TODD, Chris				✓
10. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
11. GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
TOTAL (11)	9			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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