

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1571-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01, 2024

RE: H.C.R. No. 4
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 4 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING HAWAII'S
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO AMEND THE WILDLAND FIRE
PROTECTION AGREEMENT TO ALLOW HAWAII TO JOIN AS A MEMBER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request Hawaii's Congressional delegation to amend Public Law 105-377 to expand the membership of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement to include Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement offers a proven framework for collaboration and mutual aid among member states, provinces, and territories. Your Committee further finds that through this Agreement, members benefit from sharing critical information, technologies, and resources, empowering them to respond more effectively to wildfires and undertake measures that significantly reduce the risk of such events.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Requesting the current members of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement, rather than Hawaii's Congressional delegation, to amend the Agreement to allow Hawaii to join as a member;
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (3) Amending the list of recipients of certified copies; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 4, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 4, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,

FOR 
LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



