

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

688

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1001
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1001 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS RELATED TO THE MAUI WILDFIRES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish, and appropriate funds to, the Maui Wildfires Settlement Trust Fund to pay eligible claims pursuant to the Maui wildfires settlement agreements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and one member of the Maui County Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure establishes the Maui Wildfires Settlement Trust Fund to provide timely and fair compensation to victims of the devastating Maui wildfires of August 8, 2023. The Trust Fund is designed to settle claims related to property damage, personal injury, emotional distress, and economic loss, with contributions from the State and other entities like Maui County and utility companies. The goal is to offer an alternative to lengthy litigation, expedite compensation, and ease the burden on the judicial system, while fostering community recovery. The State will contribute \$807,500,000 for

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fiscal biennium 2025-2027 to the Trust Fund, which will be managed by the Attorney General, with regular legislative oversight to ensure transparency and efficient use of the funds.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to unspecified amounts;
- (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 Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$400,000,000 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$407,500,000 for fiscal year 2026-2027.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1001, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1001, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

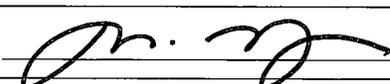
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1001	Committee Referral: JHA, FIN	Date: 02/12/2025		
<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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TODD, Chris	✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1
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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