

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 1379  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1379, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the State's disaster readiness.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the community readiness centers program and community readiness centers special fund, to be administered by the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency;
- (2) Renames the environmental response, energy, and food security tax as the environmental response, energy, food security, and resilience tax, and directs a portion of the tax revenue into the community readiness centers special fund; and
- (3) Requires a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawaii Council of Community Associations;



Hawaii Executive Collaborative, Climate Hawai'i; and one individual.

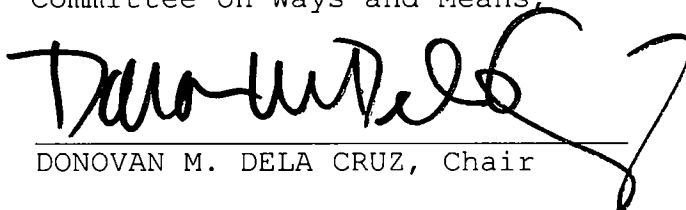
Your Committee finds that the establishment of community readiness centers throughout the State will provide resources, services, and assistance to support residents with disaster preparedness before emergencies, and will provide critical information, supplies, and basic medical care during and after emergencies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the preamble to clarify the intent of this measure;
- (2) Appropriating an unspecified amount of general funds to the Department of Defense for the acquisition of lands for community readiness centers and an emergency operations center; and
- (3) Authorizing the Department of Defense to delegate to other state agencies its authority to implement the projects related to the purpose of this measure if it is advantageous to do so.

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 S.B. No. 1379, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1379, S.D. 2.

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

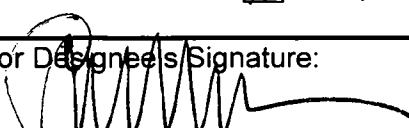


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB1379 SD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">PSM, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-28-2025</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	0	0	2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.7em; margin-top: 2px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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