Honolulu, Hawaii

Fely 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2325

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2325 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MONEYS FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve Hawaii's disaster preparedness efforts by, among other things:

- (1) Clarifying that the Major Disaster Fund (MDF) may be used for emergencies in addition to disasters;
- (2) Raising the expenditure ceiling of the MDF to \$2,000,000 for any single disaster or emergency;
- (3) Raising to \$2,000,000 the amount of funds available for matching federal disaster or emergency relief funds that become available following a presidential disaster or emergency declaration;
- (4) Establishing the Civil Defense Disaster Preparedness Special Fund (Special Fund) for various disaster preparedness measures and programs;
- (5) Clarifying that moneys in the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund (Trust Fund) may be:

- (A) Used for the purposes of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund (Relief Fund);
- (B) Disbursed upon dissolution of the Relief Fund; provided that upon the Relief Fund's dissolution, the net moneys in the Trust Fund will lapse to the general fund; or
- (C) Deposited to the Loss Mitigation Grant Fund (Grant Fund) pursuant to legislative appropriation;
- (6) Repealing the provision that transfers interest earned from the principal in the Trust Fund to the general fund;
- (7) Specifying that prior to dissolution of the Relief Fund and in the event that the Relief Fund has no policyholders, the annual net investment income earned from the principal in the Trust Fund shall be deposited into the Special Fund; provided that in fiscal years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008, the first \$2,000,000 of the annual net investment income shall be deposited into the Grant Fund; and
- (8) Repealing \$2,000,000 in funding for various tsunami and hurricane preparedness efforts and \$2,000,000 to be deposited into the Grant Fund and, instead, appropriating \$4,000,000 for the Special Fund for fiscal year 2006-2007.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Accounting and General Services, and the Department of Defense supported this bill. The Hawaii Association of Realtors and a concerned individual submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2325 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, \(\int\)

KEN TO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:			
нв 2325	February 2, 2006			
Committee Referral: PSM, CPC, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments			
□ Hold	□ Recommit			
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)				
2. CHONG, Pono (VC)	<i></i>			
3. LEE, Marilyn B.				
4. NAKASONE, Bob				
5. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				
6. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
7. TANAKA, Kameo	V			196
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	1			
9. MOSES, Mark S.	✓	+		
10. STONEBRAKER, Bud				
TOTAL	8			2
The recommendation is:				
The recommendation is:				
□ Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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