STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2017

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 13

, 2006

RE:

S.B. No. 3268

S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Government Operations and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 3268 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation to fund a study by the Department of Health (DOH) to assess the structural integrity of all hospitals and nursing homes in Hawaii.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the State Department of Defense, the Department of Health, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Long Term Care Association, and the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii. Testimony in opposition was received from one individual.

The Office of Domestic Preparedness of the Office of Homeland Security has issued a directive, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, to each state requiring them to assess their ability to evacuate and shelter residents in the event of a disaster. Of particular concern are the special populations served by hospitals and long term care facilities. The residents of these facilities are the frail and elderly who are especially vulnerable to injury and death from natural disaster. Evacuation is problematic because of their age and infirmities.

This measure would appropriate funds for a study of the structural integrity of hospitals and nursing facilities to determine their ability to withstand hurricanes.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the criteria for the study, on recommendation of the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Health to report findings and recommendations to the Legislature; and
- (3) Making technical amendments to comport with proper drafting format.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Government Operations and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3268, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3268, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Transportation and Government Operations and Health,

Kasaly H Baker Chair

ORRAINE R. INCUYE. Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral: Date:						
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.							
If so, then the previous decision was to:							
The Recommendation is to:							
Pass, unamended (2312)	Pass, with am (2311)	Hold Recommit (2310) (2313)					
Members		Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused		
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)							
ESPERO, Will (VC)		/					
BAKER, Rosalyn H.							
HEE, Clayton					/		
KANNO, Brian					V		
MENOR, Ron		/					
WHALEN, Paul		/					
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:							
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^{*}Do <u>not</u> list more than one measure per Record of Votes.

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health (Bills and Resolutions)

	Committee Referral: Date: 2/8/06						
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:							
The Recommendation is to:							
	Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2311) (2310) (2313)						
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \						
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC)	V						
HANABUSA, Colleen				V			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	V						
WHALEN, Paul	V		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·			
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted							
Chair's or Designee's Signature: The same Clum Calling.							
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