

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1486

Honolulu, Hawaii

Month 23, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 798
S.D. 3
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which
was referred S.B. No. 798, S.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to grant taxpayers a one-time
earthquake victim tax credit equal to the costs of damages to real
or personal property caused by the October 15, 2006 earthquakes.

Your Committee received comments on the measure from the
Department of Defense and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii. The
Department of Taxation submitted testimony expressing strong
concerns with this measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide some
level of financial relief to victims of the earthquakes because
many victims did not carry earthquake insurance on their real
property.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making emergency
appropriations out of the emergency and budget reserve fund for
the current fiscal year 2006-2007 for emergency repairs to
facilities and fixtures damaged by the earthquakes, specifically,
Hulihe'e Palace in Kailua-Kona and the deep water pipelines of the
Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority, and by including



the required declarations of findings and the purposes for such appropriations.

Your Committee finds that these amendments to provide financial relief to the executive branch are appropriate to cover the sustained earthquake damages to described facilities and fixtures. Furthermore, your Committee notes that although the emergency appropriations being added to this measure are for fiscal year 2006-2007, your Committee has left the effective date of this measure as is to facilitate further discussion.

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 S.B. No. 798, S.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 798, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,


CINDY EVANS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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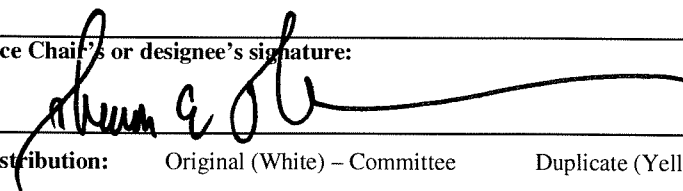
Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="text-align: right;">SB 798 SD3</div>		Date: <div style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 22, 2007</div>		
Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: right;">PSM, FIN</div>		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration </div> </div>				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	✓			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	✓			
3. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
4. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
6. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
8. SONSON, Alex M.				✓
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				✓
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.				✓
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
TOTAL	9	—	—	4

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted
 ☐ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature:



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