Honolulu, Hawaii , 2013

RE: H.B. No. 1443 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

## Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1443 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HURRICANE RELIEF FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help rebuild the reserves of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund by:

- (1) Authorizing the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund to conduct itself as a private entity to participate in the insurance market;
- (2) Reactivating the special mortgage recording fee established under Chapter 431P, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) Appropriating \$113,250,000 in general funds to be deposited into the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund.

The Hawaii Insurers Council opposed this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and Hawaii Association of REALTORS provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;

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- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that concerns were raised that this bill may confer to the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund an unfair competitive advantage that is not available to private insurers in the personal lines hurricane insurance market.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1443, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1443, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:   Da		Date:	
нв1443	FIN	02/28/13		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)				-
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				
6. ING, Kaniela				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
10. MORIKAWA, Dee				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. WOODSON, Justin H.	/,			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
17. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (17)	7	3	7	
The recommendation is:  Adopted				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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