

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2152

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2152 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to support community resilience and preparedness programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense, Police Department of the City and County of Honolulu, Kailua Community Emergency Response Team, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that emergency preparedness is an extremely important issue in Hawaii, particularly in light of the State's physical isolation. Emergency management personnel and other first responders could potentially be overwhelmed in the event of a large-scale disaster. Community resilience and preparedness programs provide a way for the public to coordinate with emergency service providers in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters in the future.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2152 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



