Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 11 , 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2885

S.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2020 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hazard Mitigation Special Fund and appropriate funds for personnel, operating, and administrative costs deemed necessary by the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to administer section 127A-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense, Hawaii State Energy Office, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that section 127A-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, allows certain personnel to enter private property in the absence of an emergency or disaster, with notice to the landowner and occupant, to address dangerous trees and unstable rock and soil conditions and mitigate flood hazards. Creation of the special fund will provide the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency a dedicated funding source for personnel to mitigate situations deemed hazardous to the health and safety of the public through the actions identified in the statute.

Your Committee understands funding for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is nearly exhausted. This measure will provide funding to allow this work to continue.

Should your Committee on Finance decide to hear this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$5,000,000 into and out of the Hazard Mitigation Special Fund.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

GREGG TAKAY MA, Chair

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs

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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PVM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)				
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2. GATES, Cedric Asuega (VC)				<u>ر ر</u>
3. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.				
4. KONG, Sam Satoru				
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	V			
6. OHNO, Takashi				
7. McDERMOTT, Bob				
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TOTAL (7)	6			
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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