STAND. COM. REP. NO. 498 Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 16 , 2023 RE: H.B. No. 285 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 285 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Appropriate funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Community Fuels Reduction Project; and
- (2) Beginning with fiscal year 2025-2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish the Community Fuels Reduction Project as a separate line item with the Department's budget.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Maui Fire Department, and Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization.

Your Committee finds that with changes in land use and climate in the State, wildfire is a significant and growing hazard in many places across the State. Your Committee further finds that the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of



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Land and Natural Resources is the primary responder for wildland fires across 1,368,002 acres of the State's forested watersheds. Your Committee believes that funds are needed to support wildfire mitigation efforts and to reduce hazardous fuels on landscape that threaten watersheds, communities, and critical public infrastructure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Changing the appropriation amount to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,500,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 285, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 285, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water & Land,

LÍNDA ICHIYAMA, Chair 🛾



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB285		Committee Referral: WAL, FIN		Date: 02/07/2023		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to:Image: Pass, unamended (as is)Image: Pass, with amendments (HD)Image: HoldImage: Description of the pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
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The recommendation is:	Adopted Adopted If joint referral,					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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