

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1685

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.R. No. 39
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 39 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY TO INCLUDE IN ALL LIVE AND RECORDED EMERGENCY ALERT
SYSTEM VIDEO BROADCASTS, AN ON-SCREEN INTERPRETER
DISSEMINATING THE EMERGENCY INFORMATION IN AMERICAN SIGN
LANGUAGE AT ALL TIMES, INCLUDING DURING GRAPHIC
PRESENTATIONS, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Hawaii
Emergency Management Agency to include in all live and recorded
emergency alert system video broadcasts, an on-screen interpreter
disseminating the emergency information in American Sign Language
at all times, including during graphic presentations.

Your Committee received no testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Emergency Management
Agency manages Hawaii's Emergency Alert System (EAS) to allow the
President of the United States the capability to address the
American public during a national emergency. Hawaii's EAS is also
used by state and local authorities to deliver important emergency
information, including America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency
Response (AMBER) alerts, the National Weather Service's emergency
weather alerts and advisories, and, upon eruptions of volcanoes,

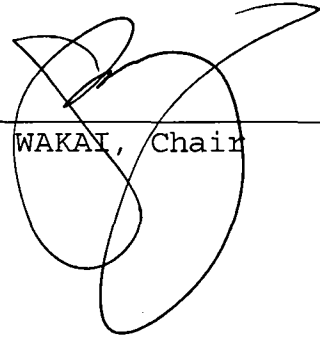


volcano alert levels, aviation threat levels, seismic activity levels, lava flow, and other threats to the community. Your Committee believes that, due to the critical nature of EAS alerts and warnings, and to prevent confusion caused by misinformation, lack of information, or difficulty in finding accurate information following sudden disasters, EAS broadcasts should be provided using every communication tool available. This measure will ensure that Hawaii residents who are deaf or hard of hearing are not deprived of emergency information that is imperative for the protection of their lives and property.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 39, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 39, S.D. 1.

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




GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">SR39</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">PSM</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">3/31/23</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">  </div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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