STAND. COM. REP. NO. 451 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2174 H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2174, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to deter hikers from entering illegal hiking trails and to address rising search and rescue costs facing the State and counties due to increased illegal hiking traffic by requiring a government entity of the State to:

- (1) Impose and collect a search and rescue fee for search and rescue expenses that result from a person's entrance on an illegal hiking trail with notice of its closure; and
- (2) Submit a copy of any report or documentation of the rescue to the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that searching for and rescuing hikers who enter property or trails closed to the public is a costly and dangerous undertaking for governmental entities. Your Committee

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believes that these governmental entities should charge a fee for the cost of the search and rescue operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the report to the Department of the Attorney General must also include information on persons who were searched for and the circumstances surrounding the search; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2174, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2174, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

State of Hawaii

House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature HScR 457-24

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee HB2174, HD1 WAI	e Referral:	=)N Date	2-9-24	
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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)				Survey - 17-100 to 100 to 1
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)				
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3. EVSLIN, Luke A.				
4. GANADEN, Sonny			3.00.00.23.20	
5. HOLT, Daniel		Tire side in the I		
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda			William Committee on the Committee of th	AND SECURITY OF COMMISSION
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8. KONG, Sam Satoru				
9. MIYAKE, Tyson K.				15 : "2M :
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TOTAL (10)	5	1	1	3
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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