

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2462

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2088
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land, Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, and Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2088 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation for vegetation management projects to reduce the risks of wildfires across the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, Hawai'i Forest Industry Association, and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committees find that wildfires have become a significant hazard across the State and can have devastating impacts on our communities, native ecosystems, infrastructure, natural resources, cultural resources, and economies. Vegetation management, including clearing out firebreaks and removing buildups of flammable vegetation, is essential for mitigating wildfire hazards. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Transportation play critical roles in mitigating the risks of wildfires. However, these efforts remain ineffective due



to a scarcity of funds and personnel. This measure will help to reduce the risk of wildfires by promoting vegetation management across the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land, Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, and Transportation and Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2088, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2088, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land,
Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs, and Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2088	Committee Referral: WTL/PSM/TCR, WAM	Date: 2/12/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	ϕ	ϕ	ϕ
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

