

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2782**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2284
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate moneys for the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a two-year program to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee believes that forecasting wildfires can help reduce the overall impacts of wildfires through rapid response and suppression efforts. Your Committee finds that the system proposed by the measure has the potential to assist authorities in forecasting wildfires across the State, which will enhance public safety and the State's ability to prepare for potential disasters.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and



- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____

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