STAND. COM. REP. NO. (76 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 0 7 ^{, 2024}

RE: H.B. No. 1902 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1902 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Clarify that the Governor's and mayors' emergency management powers shall be consistent with the Hawaii State Constitution;
- (2) Clarify the scope of the comprehensive emergency management plan;
- (3) Clarify the powers of the Governor and mayors to extend or terminate a state of emergency or local state of emergency, respectively; and
- (4) Shorten the duration of price control periods from ninety-six hours to seventy-two hours in a state of emergency or local state of emergency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and Retail Merchants of Hawaii. Your Committee



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received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that the coronavirus pandemic and 2023 Maui wildfires provided valuable lessons and opportunities to improve the State's and counties' emergency management plans and practices. Your Committee further finds that the lessons learned can be applied through the improvements to the emergency management laws and practices proposed by this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1902, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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

LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chaji



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee	e Referral:	Dat	e: 1 -	1
HB 1902	WAL	-HHA, FIN	Date: 01/30/24		
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)					
WAL Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)					
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	in the second	\checkmark			
3. CHUN, Cory M.					
4. GANADEN, Sonny					
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5. HASHEM, Mark J.					
6. MIZUNO, May Besario		\checkmark			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee		\checkmark	2011 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19		
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	Transformer and the second				
9. SOUZA, Kanani					
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TOTAL (9)		9			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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