

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025RE: H.B. No. 1159
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1159, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL HARBORS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Commercial Harbors Emergency Evacuation Working Group; and
- (2) Require a report to the Legislature.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; and Hawaii Longline Association.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency.

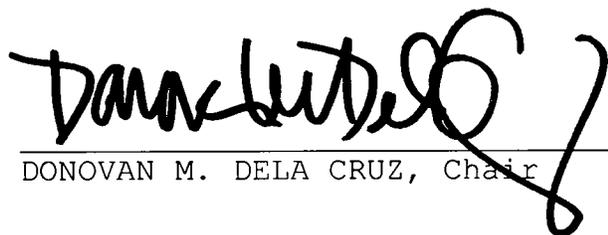
Your Committees find that it is essential that commercial harbor users evacuate commercial harbors upon the orders of the Harbor Master. However, unclear orders and procedures may lead some vessels to remain in the harbor, causing damages and impeding the delivery of cargo, which is critical to the local economy. Clear evacuation requirements, plans, and penalties are therefore



critical to ensuring public safety and minimizing damage during an emergency. Accordingly, this measure establishes a working group to review and evaluate current emergency evacuation regulations.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1159, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Judiciary and
Ways and Means,

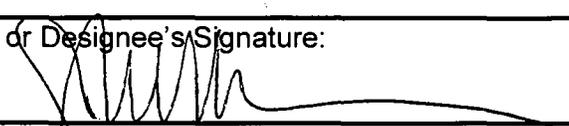

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1169 HDZ SD1	Committee Referral: TCA, JDC/WAM	Date: 4/1/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> 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
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11	0	0	2
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