

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

942

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 657  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 657, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR CLIMATE  
RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to establish and operate the Center for Climate Resilient Development within the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Climate Change and Health Working Group, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, Department of Health, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, University of Hawaii, Coalition Earth, Purple Maia Foundation, Ulupono Initiative, Surfrider Foundation Hawaii Region, and six individuals.


Your Committee finds that the State is vulnerable to climate change and lacks a centralized agency for community resiliency planning. Your Committee further finds that a Center for Climate Resilient Development, situated within the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, will provide community-focused guidance on climate hazards, assess



risks, and recommend resiliency projects, while leveraging existing expertise in climate modeling.

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. 657, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 657, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HRE/SEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/27/25</b>							
<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									
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	/								
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	/								
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/								
DECOITE, Lynn	/								
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	/								
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/								
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/								
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/								
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/								
KIM, Donna Mercado	/								
LEE, Chris	/								
WAKAI, Glenn	/								
FEVELLA, Kurt	/								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>					
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted									
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____									
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