

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 , 2026

RE: H.R. No. 133

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.R. No. 133 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE FIRE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI RELATING TO FIRE HAZARDS, BRUSH CLEARANCE, FUEL BREAKS, ROADSIDE VEGETATION CLEARING, AND EMERGENCY ACCESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the County of Maui to actively enforce subsection 10.13.2 of the Fire Code of the County of Maui, including the provisions relating to fire hazards, brush clearance, fuel breaks, roadside vegetation clearing, and emergency access.


Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that in December 2024, the County of Maui adopted substantial amendments to its Fire Code. Your Committee further finds that prompt and effective enforcement of the provisions of the Maui County Fire Code that relate to exterior vegetation, fuel break, and emergency access is necessary to reduce fire risk, protect temporary and permanent housing, preserve access for evacuation and emergency response, and ensure that large property owners do not shift avoidable wildfire risk onto surrounding communities.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 133 and recommends its adoption.

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

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MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



