

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2371

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3109  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3109 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency as the Deputy Director of Emergency Management within the Department of Defense, under the direction of the Adjutant General;
- (2) Clarify the Deputy Director of Emergency Management's reporting structure and duties; and
- (3) Require the Commission on Salaries, pursuant to section 26-56, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to include the Deputy Director of Emergency Management in its recommendations for executive branch salary levels.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense and Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.



Your Committee finds that the State faces increasing threats from natural disasters, such as hurricanes, wildfires, and flooding, and from other human-caused disasters. Preventing these disasters and ensuring the safety and resilience of the State requires stronger preparedness and more efficient organizational structures. This measure establishes a clearly defined leadership role for statewide emergency management. In doing so, it aligns organizational structures to support seamless response and coordination among federal, state, and county partners during disasters and emergencies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3109, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3109, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety and  
Military Affairs,

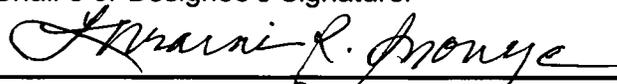


CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 3109</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-11-2024</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
LEE, Chris (VC)				✓
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
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