

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 15, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3231

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 3231 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY RESPONSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish the Prepared Emergency Response Plan Commission (Commission) to:

- (1) Develop a unified strategy for federal, state, and county mitigation programs; and
- (2) Increase preparedness and public awareness to natural disasters.

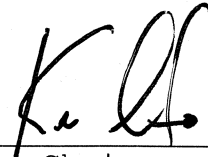
A concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Defense supported the intent of the measure.

Your Committee finds the proposed Commission would promote regular communication at high levels of federal, state and county governance. In addition, this Commission will ensure the effective planning, coordination, and preparation for a natural disaster.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3231 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



KEN ITO, Chair



