

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2971

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3123

H.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Government Operations and Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 3123, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation to fund a study by the Department of Health to assess the structural integrity of all hospitals and nursing homes in Hawaii.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the State Department of Defense, the Department of Health, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii, and a Hawaii County Council Member.

The Office of Domestic Preparedness of the Office of Homeland Security has issued a directive, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, to each state requiring them to assess their ability to evacuate and shelter residents in the event of a disaster. Of particular concern are the special populations served by hospitals and long term care facilities. Your Committees find that the residents of these facilities are the frail and elderly who are especially vulnerable to injury and death from natural disaster. Evacuation is problematic because of their age and infirmities.

This measure would appropriate funds for a study of the structural integrity of hospitals and nursing facilities to determine their ability to withstand hurricanes.

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As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Government Operations and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3123, H.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Government Operations and
Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair




LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Health
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* HB 3123 HD1	Committee Referral: TGO/HTH, WAM	Date: 3/15/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <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	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC)	✓			
HANABUSA, Colleen				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution: <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> File with Committee Report <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk's Office <input type="checkbox"/> Pink <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Goldenrod <input type="checkbox"/> Committee File Copy				

*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.