

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3484

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 7 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3123
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 3123, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs 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.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Department of Homeland Security is requiring each state to assess its ability to evacuate and shelter residents in the event of a disaster. The special populations served by hospitals and long term care facilities are of particular concern. This measure would appropriate funds for a study to assess the structural integrity of hospitals and nursing facilities to determine their ability to withstand hurricanes.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount to be appropriated to an unspecified amount;



- (2) Clarifying that the summary of the assessment shall be provided to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2007 Regular Session;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 3123, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3123, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

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




BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 3123 HD1	TGO/HTH, WAM	4/4/06		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
TRIMBLE, Gordon		/		
TOTAL	12	1	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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