

Honolulu, Hawaii

APRIL 28 , 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2214
S.D. 2
H.D. 3
C.D. 1

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

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

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2214, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to establish a civil defense emergency preparedness special fund and a Prepared Emergency Response Plan Commission with enumerated duties.

Your Committee finds that the State needs to significantly improve its emergency preparedness program for major disasters and to accelerate response and recovery operations during and after disasters. This measure represents the priority concerns of the State Civil Defense.

Civil defense hazards and disasters include hurricanes, flash floods, tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanoes, subsidence of land or



landslides; urban fires, power failures, wild fires, hazardous material situations, droughts, aircraft accidents, tornadoes and water spouts, dam failures, radiological incidences, terrorism, and civil disorders.

Emergency and disaster preparedness basically involves continuous planning, effective and efficient response including evacuation, training, and the development of infrastructure and warning systems. To make this happen, coordinated effort and planning are necessary over a broad spectrum of public and private entities, including the state, counties, federal government, national guard, law enforcement, and hospitals. The aim is prevention, protection, response, and recovery.

The State must have a comprehensive emergency preparedness program to mitigate hazards, enhance preparedness for major disasters, and accelerate response and recovery when disaster strikes. The goal is to enhance and fortify the State's ability to save lives and protect property in the event of disaster.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and substituting provisions that would:

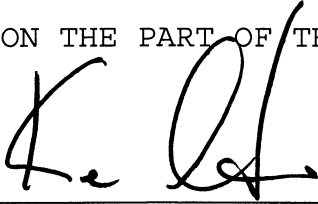
- (1) Make appropriations totaling \$9,000,000 for various civil defense programs and activities;
- (2) Change the effective date to July 1, 2006.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2214, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2214, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



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