

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 16

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2857  
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 Transportation and Government Operations,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2857 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR NATURAL  
DISASTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the governor, upon  
the declaration of an emergency, to release up to ten percent of  
the moneys appropriated from the emergency and budget reserve fund  
to provide assistance to residents and businesses that have  
sustained damage during or immediately after a natural disaster.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the State Department of Defense and one individual. Comments  
were received from the Department of Budget and Finance.

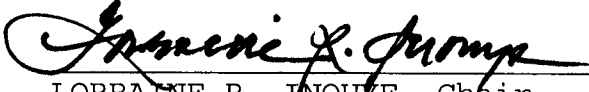
Residents and businesses of the State are often twice  
victimized when natural disasters strike. First, the damage  
caused by a natural disaster is often extensive and repair or  
replacement costs are prohibitive. Second, the emergency relief  
from governmental agencies to meet the immediate needs of victims  
is often delayed or unavailable for extended periods. For some  
victims of natural disasters, the delay in receiving emergency  
assistance can mean a total loss of their homes or businesses.  
Your Committee finds that there is an urgent need to provide  
victims with prompt emergency relief during or immediately after a  
natural disaster.



Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that the ten percent appropriated must be from the interest earned from the fund.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2857, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2857, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



