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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3268  
S.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 S.B. No. 3268 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 (DOH) 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, Hawaii Long Term Care Association, and the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii. Testimony in opposition was received from one individual.

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. 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.



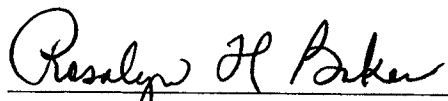
This measure would appropriate funds for a study of the structural integrity of hospitals and nursing facilities to determine their ability to withstand hurricanes.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the criteria for the study, on recommendation of the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Health to report findings and recommendations to the Legislature; and
- (3) Making technical amendments to comport with proper drafting format.

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 S.B. No. 3268, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3268, S.D. 1, 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,

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

  
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LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair





