

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1676
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1676 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS MONTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to heighten awareness of hurricane preparedness and safety among Hawaii residents during the month of May of every year.

Specifically, the measure designates May as "Hurricane Preparedness Month."

The Department of Defense offered comments on this measure.

Although Hawaii's hurricane season begins on June 1 and runs through November 30 of every year, the Legislature finds that the month of May would be an opportune time for residents to review hurricane preparedness efforts and make their own emergency plans. The Legislature also finds that National Hurricane Preparedness Week, which is collaboration between the federal government and storm-vulnerable states, occurs during the third week of May of every year.

Your Committee has amended this bill by including a reference to National Hurricane Week to clarify the designation of May as "Hurricane Preparedness Month."



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1676, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1676, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,


CINDY EVANS, Chair



