

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2376

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2376 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the danger of wildfires throughout the state by requiring the State Fire Council to develop a comprehensive statewide brushfire mitigation plan, including:

- (1) Identifying private and public methods of brushfire reduction;
- (2) Developing a program to educate the public on brushfire prevention and safety; and
- (3) Exploring additional resources to prevent brushfires and mitigate the effects of brushfires when they occur.

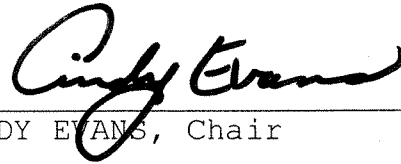
This bill also appropriates \$400,000 for public education on brushfire prevention and safety.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources and a concerned individual supported the intent of this bill. The State Fire Council provided comments.



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. 2376 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2376	Committee Referral: PSM, FIN	Date: 02/14/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	Y			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				Y
3. LEE, Marilyn B.				Y
4. LUKE, Sylvia				Y
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	Y			
6. NAKASONE, Bob				Y
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	Y			
8. SONSON, Alex M.	Y			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				Y
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	Y			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	Y			
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn	Y			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	Y			
TOTAL (13)				
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral _____ did not support recommendation. Committee acronym(s) _____				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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