

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2485  
H.D. 1

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. 2485 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect people, property, and natural resources from the risk of wildland fires by:

- (1) Establishing the Firewise Hawaii Program (Program) in the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR); and
- (2) Creating the Firewise Hawaii Special Fund (Special Fund),

to address the growing fire danger in wildland-urban interface areas of the state.

The Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization and several concerned individuals supported this bill. DLNR supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and MCS International submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the name of the Program and the Special Fund to the Wildland-urban Interface Program and Wildland-urban Interface Special Fund;

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- (2) Placing the Program and the Special Fund under the "Land Fire Protection Law" in Chapter 185, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2485, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2485, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



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CINDY EVANS Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2485	Committee Referral: PSM, WLH, FIN	Date: 1/31/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)	✓			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	✓			
3. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
4. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
6. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
8. SONSON, Alex M.	✓			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	✓			
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn		✓		
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos		✓		
TOTAL (13)	11	2		
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: <i>Sharon E. Har</i>				
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