

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1105

Honolulu, Hawaii

March, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 424
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 424, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist in the repair of damages caused by the October 15, 2006, Kiholo Bay earthquake and improve Hawaii's readiness for future disasters.

This bill appropriates general funds for fiscal year 2006-2007 as follows:

- (1) As state matching funds required to receive the federal funds that are available under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act;
- (2) For the repair of state facilities damaged as a result of the earthquake, and for structural improvements to allow state facilities to better withstand future earthquakes and other disasters; and
- (3) For emergency backup power generators for transportation, communication, and medical facilities around the state.



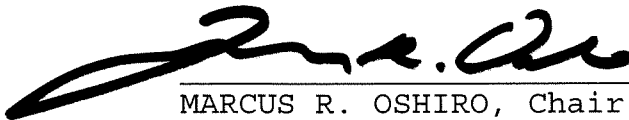
The Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Kukaiaiu Ranch, Big Island Land & Cattle, Cattle Operations Managers of Hawaii Beef Producers, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Agriculture and Department of Defense supported the intent of this measure. The National Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and the representative of the 7th representative district offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Adding a new section which provides the reasons why and the amount and rate by which the appropriation contained in this bill exceeds the state spending limit to comply with statutory and constitutional requirements; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 424, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 424, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



