

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1521 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 255

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.C.R. No. 255 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, THE COUNTY OF HAWAII, AND KAUAI COUNTY TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN INFORMATION THAT WILL INFORM AND ENABLE HOMEOWNERS TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF THE FLOOD ZONE THAT HOMES ARE LOCATED IN AND THE RISKS OF FLOODING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this Concurrent Resolution is to urge the counties to provide more information on flooding to enable homeowners and businesses to learn more about flood zones and the risks of flooding.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Association of Realtors. A Kaneohe Neighborhood Board member submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a home located in a Special Flood Hazard Area has a twenty-six per cent chance of flooding within a thirty-year period. Additionally, twenty to twenty-five per cent of the claims received by the National Flood Insurance Program are from homeowners outside high flood risk areas.

To assist homeowners with information on flooding and flood insurance, online tutorials are available from flood insurance rate maps and flood insurance studies on the Federal Emergency

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Management Agency's website. County planning departments can also provide flood information and inform homeowners on whether flood zones in their area are considered high risk or low-to-moderate risk zones.

By requesting the counties to provide more information on flooding, this Concurrent Resolution will enable residents, businesses, renters, and landowners to learn about the flood zones in which their homes and businesses may be located and the best way to protect themselves.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 255 and recommends its adoption.

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


CINDY EVANS, Chair



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

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 255 / HR 215	Committee Referral: PSM	Date: 3/20/08		
<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)	✓			
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)	7	0	0	6
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: <u>Marilyn B. Lee</u>				
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