

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1726-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aj-04, 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 72

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 72 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DESIGNATE A STATE AGENCY TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE LAND USE STRATEGY TO MITIGATE POTENTIAL HAZARDS CAUSED BY CATASTROPHIC DISASTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request that the Governor designate an executive agency, including any and as many personnel from that agency or any other executive agency as the Governor deems necessary or appropriate to:

- (1) Research state land use laws and county zoning and subdivision ordinances to determine the extent to which they help to mitigate potential hazards caused by catastrophic disasters, including fires, flood, tidal wave, volcanic eruption, and earthquake;
- (2) Review the National Conference of Insurance Legislators' State Uniform Building Code Model Act and any other land use policies that are generally recommended for mitigating potential hazards caused by catastrophic disasters;
- (3) Research whether state or local agencies may be eligible for disaster mitigation grants, related to coordinated land use planning strategies, that are administered by



the Federal Emergency Management Agency or other federal agencies;

- (4) Develop a statewide land use strategy to mitigate potential hazards caused by catastrophic disasters;
- (5) Recommend amendments to state land use laws and county zoning and subdivision ordinances that will further the proposed statewide land use strategy;
- (6) In developing a statewide land use strategy, consult with the Department of Defense, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Insurance Commissioner, Land Use Commission, State Fire Council, county planning departments, county civil defense agencies, and other interested stakeholders; and
- (7) Submit a report of its findings and any proposed legislation to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2010 Regular Session.

The State Department of Defense submitted testimony in support of the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 72 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



