

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1426
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1426 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LOSS MITIGATION GRANT
PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the private
development of safe rooms. Specifically, this measure amends the
definition of "wind resistive devices" to include residential safe
rooms within the meaning of section 431:22-104(b), Hawaii Revised
Statutes (HRS) and makes safe rooms eligible for grants under
section 431:22-104, HRS.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the State Department
of Defense, and the Hawaii Lumber Products Association. Comments
were submitted by the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that during the Special Session of 2005,
the State Department of Defense was tasked with developing design
criteria for public shelter and residential safe rooms. Now that
criteria have been developed, the intent of this measure is to
encourage the private development of safe rooms by providing
incentives through grants from the loss mitigation grant fund.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical,
nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and style.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1426, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1426, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



