

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 781
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 781, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate \$150,000 to develop a feasibility study for a Hawaii state fire and emergency training facility, and to appropriate moneys for a public education campaign on natural disaster preparedness.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the State Fire Council, Kauai Fire Department, and Honolulu Fire Department.

Your Committee finds that fire fighters and other emergency first responders must be able to fully respond to natural and manmade disasters. The development of a Hawaii state fire and emergency training facility will help ensure that fire fighters and emergency first responders are able to meet the needs of the public in the case of such disaster.

In addition, your Committee finds that the creation of a public education campaign for natural disaster preparedness will help ensure the safety of residents in the event of a natural disaster.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Changing the appropriation in section 2 to an unspecified amount in order to promote continuing discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 781, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 781, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



