

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 223

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 383

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 383 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve disaster preparedness efforts by:

(1) Allowing counties to:

- (A) Require developers of residential housing developments consisting of 50 or more residential units to install tsunami warning sirens within the development, to be linked to the civil defense warning system; and
- (B) Impose impact fees for the installation of tsunami warning sirens for residential housing developments consisting of fewer than 50 residential units;

and

- (2) Requiring the Disability and Communication Access Board to identify internationally recognized symbols to communicate, in the event of an emergency, through visual digital communications with persons who do not understand written or verbal communications.



The Department of Defense supported this bill. The Disability and Communication Access Board submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 383 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committees on Housing and Water, Land, & Ocean Resources.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,



FAYE HANOHANO, Chair



