

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2009

RE: H.B. No. 990
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Public Safety and Military Affairs and Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 990, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish in the Department of Transportation:

- (1) An Office of Disaster Preparedness and having the Director of Disaster Preparedness develop a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan for the State; and
- (2) A Disaster Preparedness Commission to advise and assist the Director of the Office of Disaster Preparedness.

This measure also makes an appropriation to the Department of Transportation for the Office of the Director of Disaster Preparedness and the Disaster Preparedness Commission, including the hiring of necessary staff.

Your Committees received testimony in support of and in opposition to this measure, as well as a comment. Written testimony presented to the Committees may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.



The disaster preparedness plan would include:

- (1) The identification of natural hazards;
- (2) The designation of natural hazard impact zones;
- (3) Priorities for natural hazard mitigation;
- (4) Policies, requirements, and incentives to mitigate the problems caused by natural hazards, to be incorporated into rules such as county building codes, land use policies, and retrofitting incentives such as tax credits; and
- (5) Plans for best responses to disasters to minimize costs and protect the interests of residents, their possessions, and pets, and visitors to the state, including plans ensuring the reliability of communication networks and power supplies for major state airports, health care facilities, disaster shelters, and other essential services.

The Disaster Preparedness Commission duties would include:

- (1) Gathering information about disasters that have occurred in the past; and
- (2) Establishing advisory committees to provide technical and other support to the Director of the Office of Disaster Preparedness.

The State has experienced threats from natural disasters, such as, earthquakes, tsunami, and storms. Your Committees find that proper planning is critical to the safety and welfare of the public and their property in times of disaster. The establishment of the Office of Disaster Preparedness could be a productive means to coordinate the safety and protection of life and property. This measure would assist homeowners and businesses to be prepared in the event of natural disasters and will prevent wide spread catastrophes or destruction that was experienced in the Gulf of Mexico.


Your Committees have amended this measure by:



- (1) Deleting references to the Department of Transportation and leaving unspecified the name of the department in which the Office of Disaster Preparedness shall be placed for administrative purposes;
- (2) Placing a representative of the Judiciary on the Disaster Preparedness Commission;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to continue the discussions on this matter; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety and Military Affairs and Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 990, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 990, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety and
Military Affairs and
Transportation, International
and Intergovernmental Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair

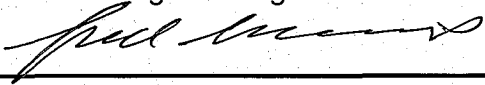


WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii


Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 990, HD1	Committee Referral: PSM/TIA, WAM	Date: 3-25-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert (VC)				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy				

*Only one measure per Record of Votes

The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs
TIA

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 990, HDI	PSM/TIA, WAM	3-25-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)				✓
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.		✓		
SLOM, Sam				
TOTAL	2	1	-	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy				

*Only one measure per Record of Votes