

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2106

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB - 9 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2502

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2502 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL FOR OPERATING EXPENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation to the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol for tsunami operations in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one government entity, two military entities, and two individuals. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that since the 1950s, tsunami warning has been the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol's primary mission in Hawaii. Recently, in October 2006, following the earthquake, Hawaii Civil Air Patrol units and crews assisted the Hawaii County civil defense by taking photographs of damaged sites. In November 2006, Hawaii Civil Air Patrol units flew tsunami watch sorties over north and west Oahu to warn beachgoers to evacuate. In January 2007, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol alerted beachgoers on the Na Pali coast to the possibility of a tsunami. There is no other tsunami airborne warning capability in Hawaii outside the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol. In December 2008, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol ran an aerial damage assessment mission to assist Kauai civil defense in gauging damage caused by recent storms and flooding.



Recently, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol, Hawaii Wing has been downsized by one aircraft by their National Headquarters due to the minimum flying of their assigned aircraft. The number of tsunami training missions and training flights for the State of Hawaii has been minimized and the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol flies and trains only on the availability of state civil defense funds. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol requires state funding to allow it to continue its vital tsunami warning operations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2502 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
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| ESPERO, Will (C) | X | | | |
| BUNDA, Robert (VC) | X | | | |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani | X | | | |
| GABBARD, Mike | | | | X |
| GALUTERIA, Brickwood | X | | | |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. | X | | | |
| HEMMINGS, Fred | | | | X |
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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