

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1054

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2011

RE: S.C.R. No. 167
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 167 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CIVIL DEFENSE
DIVISION OF THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE CIVIL
DEFENSE OR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES OF THE SEVERAL
COUNTIES TO EVALUATE TSUNAMI EVACUATION SITES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Civil Defense Division of the Hawaii Department of Defense to work
with the Civil Defense Agency of the County of Hawaii, the
Department of Emergency Management of the City and County of
Honolulu, the Civil Defense Agency of the County of Kauai, and the
Civil Defense Agency of the County of Maui to evaluate the
appropriateness of tsunami evacuation sites in each of the
counties of the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Department of Defense and six individuals.

The evaluation proposed under this measure is intended to
assess evacuation sites' elevation, distance from the shoreline,
proximity to gas lines or other potentially hazardous
infrastructure, vulnerability to the effects of a tsunami or
related disaster such as wind damage, flooding, and inundation
with debris, and include recommendations for improving tsunami
evacuation sites.



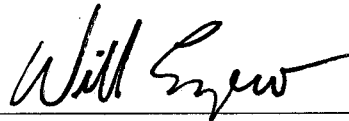
According to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, areas less than twenty-five feet above sea level and within one mile of the shoreline are at greatest risk of damage including inundation, contamination of drinking water, fires from ruptured gas lines or tanks, and destruction of structures. During the tsunami warnings issued on March 10th and 11th of 2011, many residents in the State's evacuation areas were directed to evacuation sites that were located close to shorelines and in flat, low-lying areas. When major damage or loss of life is avoided, a natural disaster experience provides an important opportunity to review emergency procedures and preparedness plans.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to accurately reflect its contents; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 167, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 167, S.D. 1.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs
PGM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 167	Committee Referral: PGM	Date: 3/31-11		
<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)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes