

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2105

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2305

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2305 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds to the State Department of Defense Civil Defense Division to assemble twenty-five civilian community teams; and
- (2) Hire a coordinator to help establish and provide administrative oversight of and train the civilian community teams.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Department of Defense Civil Defense Division and the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol.

Your Committee finds that trained community citizens are imperative to any civil defense plan. Community civilians are a great asset in assisting in disaster response, as they live in their communities and can quickly provide needed response and recovery support. With proper training and knowledge, community civilians can provide first response support to local, state, and federal civil defense staff and help prepare their communities for emergency situations.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2305 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,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



