

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1513

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 12 2013

RE: S.R. No. 47

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.R. No. 47 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE CIVIL DEFENSE TO CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING WHAT ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN PEOPLE REFUSE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES OR CLOSE THEIR BUSINESSES LOCATED IN EVACUATION ZONES DURING NATURAL DISASTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Hawaii State Civil Defense to conduct a study regarding what actions, if any, should be taken by the State in the interest of public safety when people refuse to leave their homes or businesses refuse to close in evacuation zones during natural disasters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense. The Humane Society of the United States submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that this study will provide a closer look at the challenges faced by first responders who encounter people who refuse to leave their homes or close their businesses located in evacuation zones. This measure will provide possible solutions to these difficult situations in order to improve public safety during natural disasters.

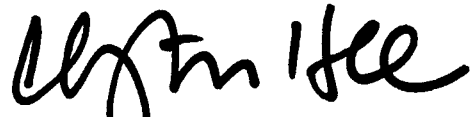
Your Committee notes the comments submitted by The Humane Society of the United States regarding individuals with pets who



refuse to leave evacuation zones, especially homeless individuals with pets. The Humane Society of the United States testified that evacuation shelters often do not allow pets, and as a result, many people refuse to leave their pets behind in the event of an evacuation. Thus, your Committee requests that the scope of the study also include individuals, including homeless individuals, with pets as well as homeless individuals without pets that refuse to leave evacuation zones.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 47 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 47	Committee Referral: PSM, JDL	Date: 4/10/13		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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