

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **440**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1154

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1154 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HURRICANE RELIEF
FUND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS REDUCTION PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that the
comprehensive loss reduction plan of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief
Fund include developing and implementing building code hurricane
standards and funding for the adoption of administrative rules to
implement state building code and design standards.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Department of Public
Works of the County of Kauai, Department of Emergency Management
of the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii State Fire Council,
Honolulu Fire Department, American Council of Engineering
Companies, Mason Contractors Association of Hawaii, Structural
Engineers Association of Hawaii, and five individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii
Hurricane Relief Fund.

Your Committee finds that mitigating future losses due to
hurricanes is essential for the public's health, safety, and
welfare. The losses resulting from hurricanes can be devastating
and wide-ranging. Along with the obvious property damage that
hurricanes can cause, hurricanes can also impact the cost and
availability of hurricane insurance. The Hawaii Hurricane Relief
Fund was created to develop a comprehensive loss reduction plan



for hurricane peril, including standards for residential and commercial structures and a timetable for the implementation of mandatory mitigation measures. In addition, the State Building Code Council is also responsible for establishing residential and hurricane resistant standards related to loss mitigation standards. However, the Council has never been properly funded and has consequently been limited in its ability to carry out its duties. Moreover, the overlapping responsibilities of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund and the State Building Code Council have created confusion and resulted largely in a failure to implement the proper building standards and develop a loss mitigation plan. Therefore, it is necessary to amend the relevant statutes to require the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund to develop and implement building code hurricane standards and include funding for the adoption of administrative rules to implement state building code and design standards.

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. 1154 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Ways and Means.

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


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1154	Committee Referral: PSM, CDH/WAM	Date: 2/14/17		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes