

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 27 2017**

RE: S.B. No. 976  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 976, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TIER II FILING FEES FOR REPORTING OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to increase the Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, Tier II filing fee from \$100 to \$200.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Tier II filing fees provide preparedness resources to local emergency planning committees to conduct joint emergency planning response training, provide community outreach, purchase specialized equipment, and, in addition to reporting of hazardous substances, fund hazardous materials emergency preparedness activities. As operational and equipment costs have risen over the years, it is necessary to



increase the fee to maintain the emergency preparedness and response capabilities of the local emergency planning committees statewide.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2017.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 976, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 976, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

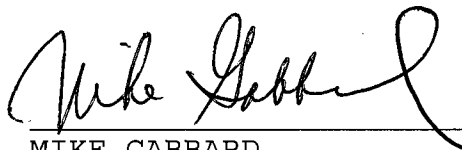
Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

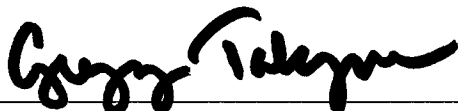
ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



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