

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 976

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 976 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, enacted in 1993, requires that covered facilities submit an annual Tier II chemical inventory form and pay a \$100 filing fee. The fees are deposited into the environmental response revolving fund, the revenues of which allow county first responders to maintain their emergency preparedness and response capabilities with respect to hazardous materials incidents across the State. Your Committee also finds that the \$100 filing fee has not changed since the law's enactment, and as operational and equipment costs have risen over the years, it has become necessary to increase the fee. The additional revenues generated by this measure will support interagency coordination



and response at local levels and ensure effective statewide emergency preparedness.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 976 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

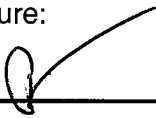


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 976	AEN, WAM	2/24/17		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
TOTAL	8			3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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