

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1977
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety and Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 1977, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FLOOD MITIGATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to develop a strategic regional flood plan that addresses flood mitigation, flood water retention, flood diversion, and catastrophic floods to become effective December 31, 2019, and to submit a report of its progress in developing the plan to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources offered comments.

Your Committees note that both the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Land and Natural Resources noted the importance of a coordinating agency to effectuate the purpose of the measure and your Committees suggest that the coordinating agency be the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. Your Committees also respectfully request that in the course of



effectuating this measure that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency consider the Department of Land and Natural Resources' suggestion that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency coordinate a working group. Your Committees also suggest that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and the proposed working group consider previously published strategic plans and the coordination of these strategic plans to effectuate this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency shall develop strategic regional flood plans, instead of being limited to one plan;
- (2) Clarifying that the plans shall become effective on December 31, 2020, rather than on December 31, 2019; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety and Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1977, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Finance, in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1977, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety and
Veterans, Military, &
International Affairs, &
Culture and the Arts,


MATTHEW S. LOPRESTI, Chair

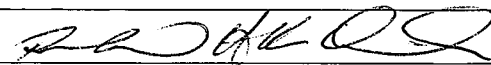

GREG TAKAHAMA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

| Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1977 HD1 | Committee Referral: WAL, PBS/VMI, FIN | Date: 2/15/2018 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| VMI Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. LoPRESTI, Matthew S. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| 2. FUKUMOTO, Beth (VC) | | | | ✓ |
| 3. CACHOLA, Romy M. | | | | ✓ |
| 4. CHOY, Isaac W. | ✓ | | | |
| 5. ITO, Ken | ✓ | | | |
| 6. OHNO, Takashi | ✓ | | | |
| 7. ONISHI, Richard H.K. | ✓ | | | |
| 8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane | ✓ | | | |
| 9. WOODSON, Justin H. | ✓ | | | |
| 10. WARD, Gene | | | | ✓ |
| TOTAL (10) | 7 | | | 3 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature:  | | | | |
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