

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2096
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Water & Land and Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 2096 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to effectively respond to flood emergencies by:

- (1) Establishing the Emergency Hazard Flood Mitigation Special Fund; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to purchase water pumps, generators, and heavy equipment.

The Department of Emergency Management of the City and County of Honolulu and one concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and Hawaii Emergency Management Agency provided comments.

Your Committees note the concerns raised regarding whether this measure is the appropriate method to address flood emergency management. Your Committees further note the lack of input from other impacted government agencies.



Your Committees have amended this measure by:

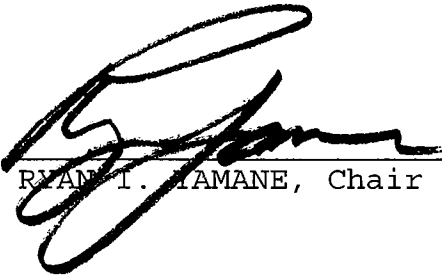
- (1) Changing the appropriations to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Public Safety that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2096, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2096, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water & Land and
Public Safety,



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



