

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2238
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2238, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for and require the Department of Education to establish the Safe Keiki Grant program to encourage public schools to prepare for emergencies and to award funds to qualified public schools to purchase necessities to enable students to remain at school shelters for forty-eight hours in the event of an emergency.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education, the Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the confusion and fear caused by the recent false missile alert highlights the need to have facilities such as public schools serve as safe shelters for Hawaii's keiki during an actual emergency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.



