

Honolulu, Hawaii

**February 14**, 2018RE: H.B. No. 2582  
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 Public Safety and Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 2582 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the State in its efforts to plan for, respond to, and recover from disasters and emergencies by:

- (1) Establishing a Hawaii Disaster Preparedness Task Force (Task Force) to review current disaster management coordination and other functional components of disaster planning, and to develop recommendations on creating a Hawaii Disaster Preparedness Plan (Plan); and
- (2) Requiring the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of Hawaii to prepare the Plan, incorporating recommendations of the Task Force, to design and implement state goals, objectives, policies, protocols, and priority guidelines.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, Ho'omana Pono, LLC, and a concerned individual supported



this measure. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency opposed this measure. The University of Hawaii, Office of Information Practices, and a concerned individual offered comments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

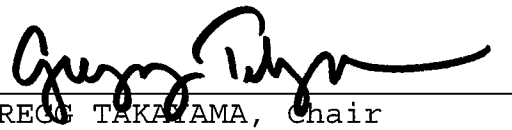
- (1) Clarifying its purpose section;
- (2) Clarifying the responsibilities of the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of Hawaii in relationship with the Task Force;
- (3) Adding the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Hawaii Fusion Center, Hawaii Shippers' Council, and Hawaii Maritime Council as members of the Task Force;
- (4) Removing the Legislative Reference Bureau as a member of the Task Force;
- (5) Deleting language that exempted the Task Force from the requirements of the Sunshine Law;
- (6) Requiring the Legislative Reference Bureau to:
  - (A) Assist the Task Force with a preliminary report to be submitted to the Legislature and National Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of Hawaii no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2019; and
  - (B) Assist the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of Hawaii with a final report, known as the Plan, to be submitted to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2020; and
- (7) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (8) 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. 2582, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2582, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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





