

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

345

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 457
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military
Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 457 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase disaster
preparedness by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Education, in collaboration
with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, to
establish a pilot program to retrofit various Department
of Education buildings to withstand a category five
hurricane; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for the pilot program.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Department of
Education, and O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of
the Democratic Party of Hawai'i supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the various Department of Education
buildings under the pilot program shall be retrofitted
to withstand a category three hurricane with sustained



winds of one hundred eleven to one hundred twenty-nine miles per hour on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, rather than a category five hurricane;

- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on this measure; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 457, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 457, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Veterans, & Military Affairs,



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



