

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 346

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 346, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to restrict the planting and authorize the removal of large trees that threaten to obstruct evacuation routes in the State.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency identify key evacuation routes in the State;
- (2) Prohibits the planting of large trees along identified evacuation routes;
- (3) Requires that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency identify existing large trees along evacuation routes and trim, spray, or remove any tree that potentially could obstruct the evacuation route; and
- (4) Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to effectuate the purposes of this measure.



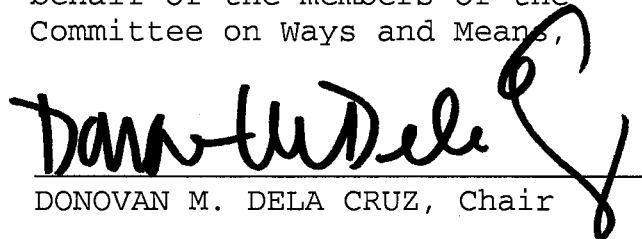
Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from Trees for Honolulu's Future.

Your Committee finds that this measure will ensure that evacuation routes will be free and clear of obstruction by large trees, enabling swift evacuation and emergency response in the event of a natural disaster.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 346, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB346, SD1	PSM, WAM	2/25/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				X
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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