

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2130

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2129

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2129 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the
State Fire Council to administer and expend funds from the reduced
ignition propensity cigarette program special fund to support
statewide fire prevention and safety programs.

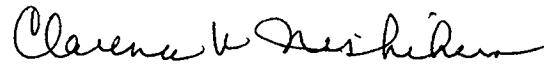
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Hawai'i Fire
Department, Kaua'i Fire Department, and Maui Fire Department.

Your Committee finds that the State Fire Council has largely
been underfunded since its inception in 1979. The State Fire
Council has a wide range of responsibilities, such as reviewing
and maintaining the state fire code, coordinating the collection
of fire data, and supporting contingency planning for
firefighters. Despite their array of responsibilities, the State
Fire Council received no funding for staff personnel to fulfill
its extensive responsibilities until 2001. The lack of
appropriate funding has hindered the Council's ability to
effectively carry out its statutory functions. Your Committee
finds that the lack of appropriate funding is reducing the
Council's effectiveness and that more funding will allow the
Council to support statewide fire prevention and safety programs.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2129 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2129</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PSM, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/11/2020</i>		
<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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