

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 11 , 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2885
S.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military
Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hazard
Mitigation Special Fund and appropriate funds for personnel,
operating, and administrative costs deemed necessary by the Hawaii
Emergency Management Agency to administer section 127A-18, Hawaii
Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Defense, Hawaii State Energy Office, Hawaii
Emergency Management Agency, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that section 127A-18, Hawaii Revised
Statutes, allows certain personnel to enter private property in
the absence of an emergency or disaster, with notice to the
landowner and occupant, to address dangerous trees and unstable
rock and soil conditions and mitigate flood hazards. Creation of
the special fund will provide the Hawaii Emergency Management
Agency a dedicated funding source for personnel to mitigate
situations deemed hazardous to the health and safety of the public
through the actions identified in the statute.

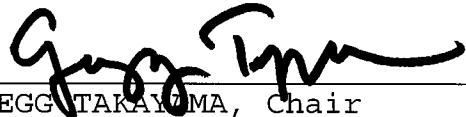


Your Committee understands funding for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is nearly exhausted. This measure will provide funding to allow this work to continue.

Should your Committee on Finance decide to hear this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$5,000,000 into and out of the Hazard Mitigation Special Fund.

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 S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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



