

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

214

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 572
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness, to which was referred H.B. No. 572 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:

- (1) Specify that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is administratively attached, rather than established within, the Department of Defense; and
- (2) Require the Governor, rather than the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, to appoint the Administrator of Emergency Management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the Administrator of Emergency Management is appointed by the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, who is the Adjutant General. Your Committee believes that given the importance of the responsibility of the Administrator of Emergency Management and their role in protecting the State and its residents, the Governor

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is the more appropriate appointing authority, rather than the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the Administrator of Emergency Management the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency instead of the Adjutant General and making conforming amendments;
- (2) Specifying that the Administrator of Emergency Management shall report directly to the Governor;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 572, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 572, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Pandemic &
Disaster Preparedness,


LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



