

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1588  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness, to which was referred H.B. No. 1588 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAZARD MITIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Resilient Hawaii Revolving Loan Fund to make low- or no-interest loans to local governments and nonprofit organizations to conduct hazard mitigation and resiliency projects, using funds anticipated to be available under the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act;
- (2) Establish positions to administer the Resilient Hawaii Revolving Loan Fund; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the establishment and administration of the Resilient Hawaii Revolving Loan Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator



on Homelessness, Department of Human Services, and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the federal government enacted the Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Management Act, Public Law 116-284, on January 1, 2021, which authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide capitalization grants to states to establish a revolving loan fund to provide hazard mitigation assistance to reduce risks relating to disasters and natural hazards. Your Committee believes that given the unpredictable nature of emergencies, the State should take advantage of as many federal funding opportunities as possible to ensure the safety of the State's citizen.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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. 1588, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1588, 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



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness**

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 1588</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PDP, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/1/22</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PDP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)	✓			
2. ELI, Stacelynn K.M. (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
5. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
6. WILDBERGER, Tina	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
9. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Stacelynn K.M. Eli</i>				
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