

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 17 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2443
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. 2443 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2021-2022 to provide relief from flooding events.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that recent events such as the severe storms in March and December of 2021 show that the State is vulnerable to many natural disasters, particularly flooding. This measure establishes a legislative vehicle to allow the Department of Defense to quickly respond to any potential flooding events, thereby ensuring the safety of residents and visitors of the State.


Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 2443, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2443, 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



