

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

352

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 955
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. 955 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a framework for disaster recovery in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator of the Office of the Governor, Department of Defense, Office of Planning, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Hawaii State Energy Office, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that efficient and effective disaster recovery efforts require the coordination of numerous public and private entities. Your Committee believes that the State is in need of a single leading authority to facilitate the identification, coordination, and delivery of recovery assistance during and after a disaster. This measure will help to enhance the coordination of all affected stakeholders, mitigate the impacts of disasters, and improve disaster recovery efforts by establishing a disaster recovery program and framework for the State.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its 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. 955, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 955, 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



