

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2273

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2156

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2156 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds to the Department of Defense to provide relief from flooding
events.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget
and Finance.

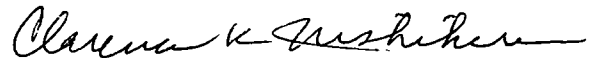
Your Committee finds that recent incidents such as the March
and December 2021 severe storms show that the State of Hawaii is
vulnerable to many natural disasters, particularly flooding events
related to severe storms. This measure creates a legislative
vehicle to appropriate funds to the Department of Defense should a
severe storm or other incident occur during the legislative
session. This vehicle pre-positions a fiscal tool to manage and
deploy resources quickly and with a shortened set-up time in the
event an emergency incident requires it. While there is no
guarantee such an incident will occur, your Committee sees value
in preparatory work to deliver assistance to the people of Hawaii
as quickly and with as few obstacles as possible in the event a
severe storm, flooding event, or other emergency incident impacts



the State. This measure will assist the State in responding to emergency incidents more efficiently by appropriating funds to the Department of Defense to provide relief from flooding events.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2156 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,

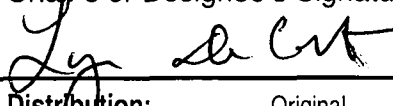


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2156	PSM, WAM	2/8/2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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