

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3788**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2107
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO DISASTER SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure that limited English proficient populations are incorporated into disaster management planning.

Specifically, this measure appropriates moneys to establish limited English proficiency language access coordinator positions within the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Community Services, Office of Language Access, Hawaii State Health Planning and Development Agency, Waipahu Safe Haven Center, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights, The Legal Clinic, Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights, and seven individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and the Disability and Communication Access Board.



Your Committee finds that many individuals who are not proficient in the English language encounter barriers when attempting to obtain relief through state or county programs during the aftermath of disasters. Your Committee further finds that this measure will help to ensure that all individuals can access critical services following disasters, regardless of their level of English proficiency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2107 HDZ SD1	DSM, WAM	4/3/2024		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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