

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2323

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2842

S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2842 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to advise and make recommendations to state agencies concerning the State's wildfire safety and prevention efforts.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Fire Department, State Fire Council, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and one individual.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committees find that the State recognizes the increasing threat of wildfires to its communities, natural resources, and



economy and that the State is committed to proactively addressing this growing challenge through comprehensive and collaborative growth. This measure will address the State's wildfire preparedness by establishing the Wildfire Mitigation Working Group to advise and make recommendations to state agencies concerning the State's wildfire safety and prevention efforts.

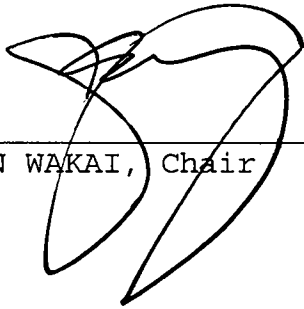
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting language that:
 - (A) Establishes a Wildfire Mitigation Working Group to develop a State Wildfire Mitigation Plan and to advise and make recommendations to state agencies concerning the State's wildfire safety and prevention efforts, to be dissolved on December 31, 2026; and
 - (B) Makes an appropriation; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2842, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2842, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2842	Committee Referral: WTL/PSM, WAM	Date: 2/7/24		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
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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