

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2561

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3067  
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 Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 3067 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HURRICANE RESERVE TRUST FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to move the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund into the state treasury and make other housekeeping amendments relating to the Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Defense.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the state treasury maintains an investment pool consisting of participating state accounts. Your Committee further finds that the funds within the state treasury are prudently managed to achieve the investment objectives of safety, liquidity, and yield, in priority order, and that the pooling of funds enables the achievement of economies of scale, while simultaneously enhancing the State's liquidity position. Presently, the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund is established outside the state treasury under the direction of the Hawaii Hurricane



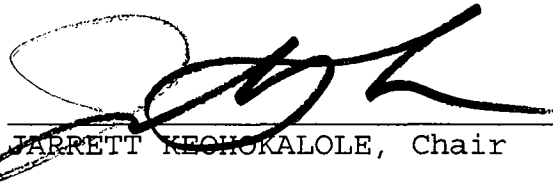
Relief Fund Board, which has invested the fund in a bank trust division for the past several years and operation has been dormant. Therefore, this measure places the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund within the state treasury, to best serve the interests of the State and to better align its investment objectives of safety, liquidity, and yield.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Restoring language in existing law that requires remittance of a certain portion of general excise tax and public employer contributions; and
- (2) Repealing language in existing law that grants certain authority and discretion to the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund Board over the moneys deposited in the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3067, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3067, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection,



JARRETT KEOKALOKE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB3067</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/9/24</b>		
<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				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"				✓
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Carol Fukunaga</div>				
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