

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 17 2024**

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 687

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 687, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HAWAI'I ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

G.M. No. 687      LISA VARES,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2028,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management of Lisa Vares from the County of Maui Department of Fire and Public Safety.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Vares' experience, dedication, and knowledge qualify her for appointment to Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management. Your Committee notes that Ms. Vares currently serves as General Manager of Vares Contracting, Inc. where her duties include obtaining permits, estimating engineering costs, and maintaining insurance for excavation and construction projects throughout the State. Along with her current role, Ms. Vares volunteered with the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency during the August 2023 Maui wildfires and chairs the County of Maui Fire and Public Safety Commission. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Vares has obtained a variety of certifications and completed trainings with the United States National Park Service, Hawaiian Electric, Federal Aviation Administration, and the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff. Your Committee therefore recommends that

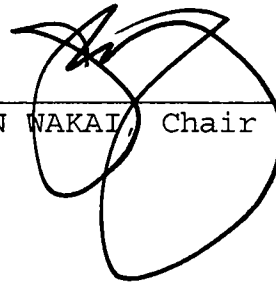


Lisa Vares be appointed to the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management based on her experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

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

GLENN WAKAI, Chair

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The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM687</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM</b>	Date: <b>3/27/24</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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