

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2502

S.D. 2

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 S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the State's capacity to mitigate wildfire risks.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a two-year program to generate web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for use by the State to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires; and
- (3) Appropriates moneys for the program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii and Hawai'i Forest Industry Association.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce.




Your Committee finds that making wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps available will help decision-makers identify the areas that are most susceptible to wildfire hazards and prioritize those areas for targeted risk-reduction strategies. Your Committee further finds that wildfire vulnerability maps can help guide future zoning rules and other land use policies to reduce the impacts of wildfires on communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Correcting an internal cross-reference;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making a technical nonsubstantive amendment for purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 2.

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

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2502 SDI	Committee Referral: HRE, WAM	Date: 2/22/2024		
<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 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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, 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	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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