

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2204

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 08 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2903

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2903 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRE-AFFECTED AREAS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit public entry into wildfire-affected areas for the purpose of habitation until the Department of Health provides notice that the wildfire-affected area is safe to enter for this purpose.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council.

Your Committees find that when a fire consumes a community, it can aerosolize materials such as lead, arsenic, asbestos, and other dangerous chemicals that can contaminate both air and water for months and potentially years. Your Committees further find that after the 2023 Maui wildfires, state health officials issued warnings about water contamination and have estimated that restoring clean water to affected areas of Maui could take years. This measure will ensure the health and safety of communities by protecting them from dangerous safety hazards caused by wildfires.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Health and Human Services that are attached to this

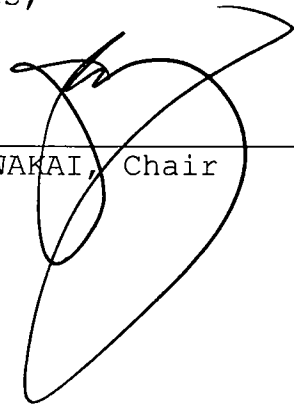


report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2903 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Health and Human Services,



JOY N. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair




GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
PSM

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<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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	3			2
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