

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2447

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3375
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 Higher Education, Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, and Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 3375 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to establish a Central Oahu Wildfire Protection Plan, in consultation with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, community stakeholders, and nonprofit organizations that specialize in wildfire preparedness and mitigation programming; and
- (2) Require matching funds from United States Department of Agriculture Forestry Service Wildfire Defense grants.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.




Your Committees find that the threat of wildfires in the State has significantly increased, posing a threat to public health, safety, and natural resources. Presently, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense grant program assists at-risk communities to prevent the risk of wildfire. The Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense grant program also assists with the development of protection plans, which may be utilized by nonprofit organizations specializing in wildfire mitigation and prevention programming. According to the testimony of the University of Hawaii, protection plans serve as information gathering opportunities to determine projects for wildfire mitigation and prevention, which may be converted into opportunities for federal funding. To protect the State from future wildfire threats, this measure takes a proactive approach to fire safety and mitigation.

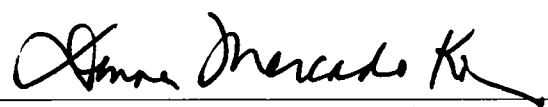
Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting language specifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education, Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3375, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3375, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.


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



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

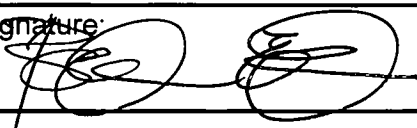
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
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 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

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