

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2985

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2376
H.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the danger of wildfires throughout the State by appropriating funds to the State Fire Council to implement a statewide brushfire mitigation plan.

This measure also appropriates funds to establish four positions to implement a public education program on brushfire prevention and safety.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense, the State Fire Council, the Honolulu Fire Department, the Maui Fire and Public Safety Department, and the Kauai Fire Department. The Department of Land and Natural Resources supported the intent of this measure with additional comments.

Your Committee finds that large uncontrolled wildfires continue to plague the State, endanger lives and property, tax fire protection resources in our communities, and destroy the environment and irreplaceable plant and wildlife especially in the drier leeward areas.

Your Committee further finds that a statewide brushfire mitigation plan is needed to address the dangers of these

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wildfires in light of the current drier conditions affecting certain areas of the State. The brushfire mitigation plan includes the identification of private and public brushfire mitigation methods, the development of public brushfire prevention and safety programs, the staffing of positions, and the exploration of additional resources to mitigate the occurrence of these brushfires in this State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

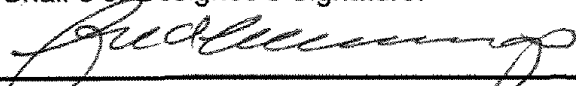
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs,


LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
IGM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2376, HD 1	IGM, WAM	3/14/08		
<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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	2	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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