

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2296

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2877

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2877 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBORS FIREBOAT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the statutory requirement that the State reimburse the City and County of Honolulu for the operation and maintenance of the fireboat.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation. Testimony in opposition was received from three individuals. Comments were received from the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association.

Your Committees find that this measure allows for broader flexibility in the management of fireboat operations by the Department of Transportation. Repealing the requirement to reimburse the Honolulu Fire Department for the maintenance and operation of the State's fireboat "Moku Ahi" will allow for more economical management and enable a more comprehensive marine incident response program to be implemented. The maritime community and citizens of Hawaii will be better served by providing the Department of Transportation with this flexibility.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose

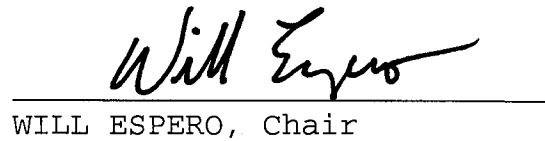
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of S.B. No. 2877 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair


WILL ESPERO, Chair



