

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1343

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 1343 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve economic recovery in Hawaii after a natural disaster by appropriating \$328,000 to match federal funds to establish a business recovery center.

The Department of Defense, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii testified in support of this bill.

A business recovery center is an online website where businesses and government agencies collaborate before, during, and after a natural disaster. Some of the activities of a business recovery center include distributing federal disaster program information; establishing information channels to allow the private sector to access information including the status of utilities and roads; allowing the private sector to post information about operating hours during and after disasters; and acting as a portal to post requests for proposals so local businesses can bid on contracts during and after disasters.

Your Committee finds that the establishment of a business recovery center in Hawaii would help businesses, their employees, and the overall economy of Hawaii recover after a natural disaster.



Your Committee notes that the appropriation of \$328,000 contained in this measure for the establishment of a business recovery center within the Department of Defense is necessary to receive a federal match of \$1,159,000 for this initiative.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1343 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development & Business,



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DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, Chair



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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HD 1343</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDB, PBS, FIN</b>	Date: <b>6 FEB 15</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. (C)	✓			
2. KONG, Sam Satoru (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. ITO, Ken				✓
7. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
10. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani				✓
13. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>4</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 18pt; font-family: cursive;">James S. King</div>				
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