

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 754

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1211
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1211 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAJOR DISASTER FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to assist the State in preparing for major disasters by amending the major disaster fund expenditure ceilings.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Amends, to an unspecified amount, the expenditure ceiling the Governor may expend for immediate relief of an emergency or disaster;
- (2) Amends, to an unspecified amount, the expenditure ceiling available to match federal disaster relief funds; and
- (3) Requires the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (Adjutant General) to submit a report to the Legislature within one month of any allotment or expenditure of major disaster fund moneys.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Department of Defense and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

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Your Committee finds that the current ceilings of \$2,000,000 are too low and that response costs for the recent disasters of Hurricane Iselle and the Puna lava flows have come close to reaching the maximum allowed by law. Increasing the upper limit on funds that are available for disaster relief will provide greater flexibility in ameliorating the effects of a large disaster.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing a \$10,000,000 ceiling that the governor may expend for immediate relief of a single emergency or disaster;
- (2) Establishing a \$10,000,000 ceiling that may be made available for the purpose of obtaining matching federal disaster relief funds; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1211, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1211, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB1211	Committee Referral: FSM, WAM	Date: 2/26/15		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	9	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">M. N. K. L.</div>				
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