

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1637

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2021

RE: H.B. No. 954  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 954, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to convert certain positions within the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency from civil service status to exempt status.

More specifically, this measure extends exempt status to the executive officer, public information officer, civil defense administrative officer, branch chiefs, and emergency operations center state warning point personnel.

Your Committees received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committees received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that exempting key positions from civil service status will help the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency create a more responsive, flexible, and aggressive hiring system



to recruit and retain experienced emergency management professionals. Your Committees note that the exempt status extended to certain Hawaii Emergency Management Agency personnel in this measure is normally reserved for management positions.

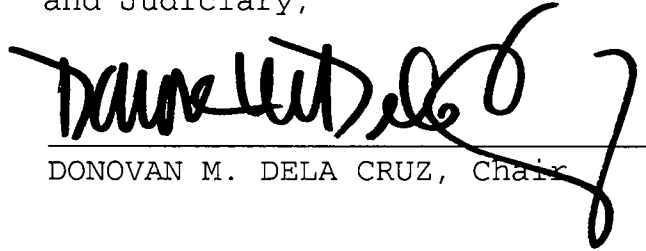
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 954, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 954, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Ways and Means  
and Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair




DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



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<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	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	<i>X</i>	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	<i>X</i>	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	<i>X</i>	
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	<i>X</i>	
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	<i>X</i>	
KIDANI, Michelle N.	<i>X</i>	<i>GA</i>
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.		<i>X</i>
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		<i>X</i>
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	<i>X</i>	
WAKAI, Glenn	<i>X</i>	
FEVELLA, Kurt	<i>X</i>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	7	0	0	0

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Karl Rhoads*

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