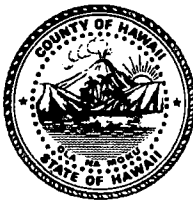


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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

DATE: February 11, 2019

TO: Aaron S.Y. Chung, Council Chair; and
Members of the Hawaii County Council

FROM: Susan L.K. Lee Loy, Council Member
Council District 3 

SUBJECT: Report of Attendance at the Hawai'i State Capitol regarding Kīlauea eruption
disaster legislation (HB 1180).

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COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY OF HAWAII

In accordance with HRS §92-2.5(e), I report my attendance along with that of council members Ashley Kierkiewicz and Tim Richards at a Hawai'i State Capitol hearing February 8, 2019, for House Bill No. 1180, which would provide funding to Hawai'i County for Kīlauea eruption disaster recovery.

Each of us, along with Research and Development Director Diane Ley, provided oral testimony to a joint hearing of four House committees in support of HB 1180. We answered questions from legislators about why the funds are needed and where the funds would be spent. The results of the hearing are summarized in the attached committee report.

HRS §92-2.5(e) states that two or more members of a board, but less than a quorum, may attend an informational meeting or presentation on matters relating to official board business, including a legislative hearing, provided that the meeting or presentation is not specifically and exclusively organized for or directed toward members of the board. The board members in attendance may participate in discussions, including discussions among themselves, provided that the discussions occur during and as part of the informational meeting or presentation; and further that no commitment relating to a vote on the matter is made or sought. At the next duly noticed meeting of the board, the board members shall report their attendance and the matters presented and discussed that related to official board business.

Please place this matter on the next available Council agenda.

Att.: Standing Committee Report No. 245, Regarding HB 1180 House Draft 1.

Comm. No. 123
Ref. To: COUNCIL
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STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 11, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1180
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs, Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, Housing, and Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 1180 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATURAL DISASTERS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to meet the need for relief, recovery, mitigation, and remediation activities necessary due to the 2018 Kilauea eruption in the County of Hawai'i, including:

- (1) Loans to cover the local cost share of various federal assistance programs, including the twenty-five percent cost share for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's public assistance and hazard mitigation programs as required by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and other federal assistance that may become available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and other agencies; and
- (2) The costs of necessary housing assistance that may or may not be covered by federal programs.



The Office of the Governor, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, County of Hawai'i Department of Research and Development, members of the Hawai'i County Council from Districts 1, 2, and 9, Hawaiian Electric Company Inc., Maui Electric Company, Ltd., Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc., Kapoho Land Partnership, Kapoho Management Company, Inc., Kapoho Land & Development Co. Ltd., O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Kohala Coast Resort Association, Hawaii Habitat for Humanity Association, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the preamble language;
- (2) Deleting appropriation language and amounts, including \$20,000,000 for housing assistance and \$30,000,000 in criteria-specific loans for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021;
- (3) Appropriating \$20,000,000 as a subsidy to the County of Hawai'i for fiscal year 2018-2019 to provide relief, recovery, mitigation, and remediation assistance for disaster damage, losses, and suffering caused by the 2018 Kilauea eruption in the County of Hawai'i;
- (4) Appropriating \$40,000,000 as a loan to the County of Hawai'i for fiscal year 2018-2019 as may be necessary to obtain non-state funds, including federal funds, available to the County to provide relief, recovery, mitigation, and remediation assistance for disaster damage, losses, and suffering caused by the 2018 Kilauea eruption in the County of Hawai'i; provided that the Director of Finance shall negotiate the terms of the loan and may waive any interest accrued on the loan;
- (5) Requiring the Hawai'i County Council to adopt a resolution requesting the release of the funds before the funds are released to the County of Hawai'i;
- (6) Requiring the County of Hawai'i to report monthly expenditures to the Department of Budget and Finance;



- (7) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs, Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, Housing, and Human Services & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1180, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1180, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs, Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, Housing, and Human Services & Homelessness,



RYAN J. YAMANE, Chair



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



TOM BROWER, Chair

