

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2664

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 2664 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure public safety by  
clarifying the Governor's emergency powers. Specifically, this  
bill:

- (1) Establishes that certain provisions of the State's  
disaster relief chapter are operative and supersede  
provisions of the Civil Defense and Emergency Act in  
times when an emergency arises that is not considered a  
civil defense emergency;
- (2) Allows the governor to exercise powers under the Civil  
Defense and Emergency Act for purposes of noncivil  
defense disasters only if tangible and measurable harm  
or damage has resulted; and
- (3) Requires that any of the governor's emergency powers in  
force prior to the effective date of this bill expire at  
the end of the 2008 Regular Session unless reauthorized  
by the Legislature.



The Department of Defense, Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Department of Accounting and General Services opposed this bill. The Department of the Attorney General offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2664 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety &  
Military Affairs,

  
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CINDY EVANS, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2664	<b>Committee Referral:</b> PSM, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 02/14/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	x			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				x
3. LEE, Marilyn B.				x
4. LUKE, Sylvia				x
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.		x		
6. NAKASONE, Bob				x
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	x			
8. SONSON, Alex M.	x			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				x
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	x			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	x			
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn			x	
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos			x	
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	5	1	2	5
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral _____ committee acronym(s) _____ did not support recommendation.				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____				
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