

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 795  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and  
Tourism and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 795 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDING CODES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of  
Accounting and General Services to establish and implement a  
statewide building code.

This measure appropriates \$500,000, for fiscal year 2007-  
2008, for the operations of the State Building Code Council,  
including technical assistance services, and training and  
administrative assistance as required to be expended by the  
Department of Accounting and General Services.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Department of Defense, the Department of Accounting and General  
Services, the Fire Council, the Structural Engineers Association  
of Hawaii, and State Farm Insurance Companies. The Council of the  
American Institute of Architects submitted comments on the  
measure.

Your Committees find that the State has traditionally allowed  
the individual counties to establish their own building codes.  
The counties have adopted various portions of the Uniform Building  
Code, but building codes differ from county to county. The status  
of the fragmented building requirements in Hawaii is of serious

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concern to those involved in building ownership, design, construction, and insurance. Over forty states have adopted some form of a statewide building code. The adoption of a uniform set of statewide building codes applicable to one and two family dwellings, all other residential uses, and commercial and industrial buildings, and state buildings would make it possible for building owners, designers, contractors, and code enforcers within the State to apply consistent standards. The health and safety considerations related to the codes are of statewide interest, especially relating to emergency disaster preparedness.

Your Committees amended this measure by requiring that all council members be appointed by either the Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House, Mayor of each respective county, the Fire Chief of the respective counties, and each council member serve staggered six-year terms. Your Committees also amended this measure to include language that the State Building Code shall include the latest edition of the State Fire Code as adopted by the State Fire Council and that the State Building Code shall also include the latest edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code as copyrighted and published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.

The intent of your Committees is to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish and implement a statewide building code to provide for the implementation of consistent standards throughout the State of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Tourism and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 795, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 795, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Intergovernmental  
and Military Affairs and  
Tourism and Government  
Operations,


  
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



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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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	/			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			
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