

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2397
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2397, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE SPRINKLERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the counties from requiring the installation or retrofitting of automatic fire sprinklers or an automatic fire sprinkler system in any new or existing detached one- or two-family dwelling unit used for residential purposes.

BIA-Hawaii; Hawaii LECET; Complete Construction Services Corp.; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Gentry Homes, Ltd.; Pacific Resource Partnership; Alan Shintani, Inc.; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; Universal Construction, Inc.; and an individual testified in support of this measure. The State Fire Council; Honolulu Fire Department; and Plumbers and Fitters Union, Local 675 testified in opposition to this measure. An individual commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by creating an exemption to allow counties to require sprinklers for:

- (1) Any new home that requires a variance from access road or fire fighting water supply requirements; and



- (2) Any non-residential agricultural or aquacultural building or structure located outside the urban area.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2397, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2397, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Housing,



RIDA T.R. CABANILLA, Chair



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The Twenty-sixth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2397 SD 1	Committee Referral: HSG, PBM, FIN	Date: 3/14/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
5. COFFMAN, Denny	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.				✓
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.		✓		
9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
10. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
11. THIELEN, Cynthia				✓
TOTAL (11)	7	1		3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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