

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1224
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1224 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require counties
to adopt reasonable standards to allow the construction of one
single-family dwelling unit and one accessory dwelling unit on
each lot where a residential dwelling unit is permitted.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from the Department of Planning and Permitting, City and County of
Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the County Council, County of Maui.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's housing costs exceed the
national average. The severe affordable housing shortfall has
contributed to Hawaii's homelessness rate, which is the third
highest among the states. Hawaii's affordable housing crisis
requires creative solutions, such as accessory dwelling units.
Accessory dwelling units are growing in popularity, and in many
cities they are a key component of the city's affordable housing
plan. Permitting the construction of accessory dwelling units on
land that has already been developed for residential use is an
efficient, inexpensive, and sustainable way to create more
affordable housing.

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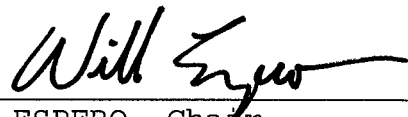


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1224, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1224, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



