

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3462

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1561
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1561 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUISANCE ABATEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the
nuisance abatement laws to authorize civil suits to abate
violations of trespass and other offenses that involve the
unlawful occupation of real property, including an order of
abatement permanently prohibiting the perpetrators from residing
in or entering into the subject real property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Association of REALTORS and twenty-three
individuals.

Your Committee finds that squatters may use unscrupulous
means to obtain a fraudulent lease agreement and live rent-free on
property until someone notices and decides to take legal action.
However, legal action, such as eviction proceedings, may take
months to resolve at a high financial cost. This measure will
help accelerate the process of removing unlawful occupants on real
property.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a savings clause;



- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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 Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1561, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1561, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



