

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 417

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1354
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1354 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE BUILDING
CODES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the governing body of each county to adopt the most recent internationally and nationally recognized codes and standards if the State Building Code Council has not adopted new model building codes and standards as required in section 107-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, and State Building Code Council.

Your Committee finds that the State Building Code Council was created in 2007 to review and adopt current, nationally recognized building codes and standards for Hawaii. The council is required to review and adopt, as appropriate, new model building codes within eighteen months of the official publication date of various codes and standards, including the International Building Code, which establishes minimum regulations for building systems and is promulgated every three years. However, Hawaii, unlike at least twenty other states, has not adopted the current regulations established and promulgated in the 2012 International Building Code publication. The failure to adopt current International

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Building Code regulations poses a serious safety issue for Hawaii's residents, due to the State's unique geographic location and vulnerability related to natural disasters. Implementation of this measure will safeguard the health and safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by authorizing the governing body of each county to review and adopt the more current, rather than most recent, codes and standards identified in section 107-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, if the State Building Code Council fails to update and adopt new model building codes and standards as required.

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. 1354, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1354, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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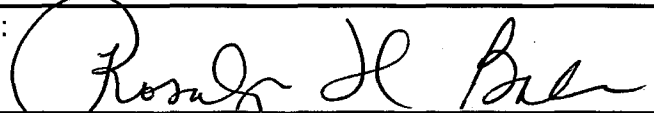
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5	-	-	-

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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