

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 58

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.R. No. 58 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING  
AUTHORITY TO DOCUMENT VIOLATIONS OF ITS PROHIBITION ON  
SMOKING IN AND AROUND PUBLIC HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Hawaii Public Housing Authority to document violations of its  
prohibition on smoking in and around public housing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this  
measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that section 356D-6.5, Hawaii Revised  
Statutes, assists in providing smoke-free environments for  
families by prohibiting smoking in and around public housing  
projects, state low-income housing projects, and elder or elderly  
households. Due to the long-term effects of the residual  
contamination from the use of cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco  
products that remains in enclosed indoor spaces, or "thirdhand  
smoke", violators of smoking prohibitions may negatively affect  
the health of subsequent tenants and guests of public housing  
projects, state low-income housing projects, and elder or elderly  
households. While enforcement of smoking prohibitions is  
challenging, this measure encourages the Hawaii Public Housing  
Authority to keep violators of smoking prohibitions accountable  
for their actions by considering these violations when evaluating



whether to continue or form a lease agreement in the future with the violators.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 58 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,



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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



