

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1153

Honolulu, Hawaii

MARCH 21, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 967  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 967, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the offense of trespassing on public housing property by:

- (1) Specifying that certain areas within Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) housing projects are closed to the public;
- (2) Establishing requirements for signage notifying trespassers of illegal entry onto the housing projects; and
- (3) Amending the offense of criminal trespass in the second degree to include the prosecution of persons who enter or remain in or upon public housing projects that are closed and duly noticed to the public, regardless of whether a warning or request to leave has been given.



HPHA and an individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "reasonable warning or request"; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 967, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 967, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



TOM BROWER, Chair



