

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 15, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1822
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1822 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to create an Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Revolving Fund to provide loans to unit owners and associations for the costs of installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in apartments and condominiums built prior to 1975, and appropriate an unspecified amount from the general revenues to the Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Revolving Fund.

The Hawaii State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Kauai Fire Department, Hawaii Association of REALTORS, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance, Associa, and Hawaii Council of Associations of Apartment Owners dba Hawaii Council of Community Associations offered comments for this measure.

Your Committee finds that although the installation of automatic fire sprinklers may assist in extinguishing or containing fires in apartments and condominiums, the cost of installation for many apartment and condominium owners can be prohibitive.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to promote further discussion.

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 H.B. No. 1822, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1822, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



TOM BROWER, Chair



