

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1688

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 3
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 3
entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONVENING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY
THE ISSUE OF RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER COSTS IN NEW ONE- AND TWO-
FAMILY DWELLINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
convening of a task force to study the costs of installing
automatic fire sprinkler systems in new one- and two-family
dwellings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Fire Council and Honolulu Fire Department. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
the Building Industry Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that in the City and County of Honolulu
alone, there have been 1,068 structure fires between 2006 and
2015, resulting in 27 civilian deaths, 152 civilian injuries, and
more than \$100,000,000 in direct damages. Fatal residential fires
occur in homes despite the presence of modern construction
techniques and features, such as smoke alarms, fire-rated drywall,
and ground fault circuit interrupter electrical outlets. Your
Committee further finds that installing automatic fire sprinklers
can reduce civilian deaths by 83 percent, civilian fire injuries




by 53 percent, firefighter injuries by 65 percent, and property damage by 69 percent. This measure will establish the framework for the State to determine the cost-effectiveness of mandating the installation of automatic fire sprinklers in new one- and two-family dwelling units by convening a task force composed of pertinent stakeholders.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing the Manager and Chief Engineer of the Kauai County Department of Water to appoint a designee to the task force; and
- (2) 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 Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 3, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 3, S.D. 1.

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

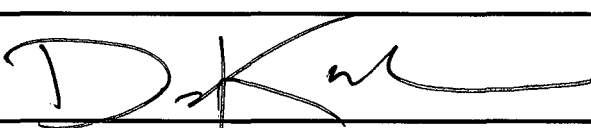


STANLEY CHANG, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 3	Committee Referral: HOU	Date: 3/25/2019		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHANG, Stanley (C)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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