

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 287
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 287 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VACANT AND ABANDONED
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the potential hazards associated with vacant and abandoned residential properties by:

- (1) Expediting approvals of demolition permits for vacant residential properties; and
- (2) Allowing the Department of Taxation to seek the non-judicial foreclosure sale of vacant and abandoned residential property with an outstanding recorded state tax lien.

An individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments on this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing a reference to subsection 231-62(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to avoid a misinterpretation that nonjudicial foreclosure is only applicable for those properties which have a lien for three years, vacant, and abandoned; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to January 28, 2081, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 287, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 287, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: H0287	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date: 2/14/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	/			
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. CREAGAN, Richard P.	/			
5. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
6. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	/			
9. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
11. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (11)	10	1		
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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