

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2128

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2128 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require builders
of new one- and two-family dwellings to provide buyers with
information on the benefits and costs associated with installing
and maintaining a residential fire sprinkler system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Fire Council and Honolulu Fire Department.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Building
Industry Association Hawaii, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and one
individual.

Your Committee finds that automatic fire sprinkler systems
have a proven record of significantly reducing damage to real and
personal property, injuries, and deaths due to residential fires.
Your Committee further finds that new dwellings are especially
susceptible to residential fires due to engineered lumber burning
and collapsing much faster than traditional wood. The
installation of smoke detectors and fire sprinklers can reduce the
risk of fire-related deaths by eighty-two percent. However, many
new buyers of dwellings are not privy to the benefits of
residential fire sprinkler systems. This measure will ensure that



buyers of new one- or two-family residential dwellings are cognizant of the benefits of installing fire sprinkler systems by requiring builders to provide such information to each buyer.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2128 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



