

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

706

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: H.B. No. 1131

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1131 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the State Building Code Council to:

- (1) Consider the impact of building codes and standards on the cost of single-family and multi-family homes built in the State; and
- (2) Include a financial impact assessment on each code and standard adopted by the State Building Code Council in the annual written report submitted to the Governor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Building Industry Association of Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office and Blue Planet Foundation.

Your Committee finds that the building codes and standards developed by the International Code Council increase the cost of

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housing construction in Hawaii, which reduces housing affordability. This measure requires the State Building Code Council to consider the financial impact that changes to construction costs will have for single-family and multi-family homes in the State before the adoption of any code or standard and report this information to the Governor, which will provide the public and the building industry with much needed information.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the State Building Code Council to also consider a code's or standard's impact on amortized utility costs for single-family and multi-family homes;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1131, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1131, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-first Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <span style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">HB 1131</span>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <span style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">CPC, FIN</span>	<b>Date:</b> <span style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2/10/2021</span>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u><i>Dee Morikawa</i></u>				
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