Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

    Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1407 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

    The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

    (1) Require all members of the State Building Code Council
         to have significant experience and knowledge of building
         codes and the cost impacts of building code revisions;

    (2) Add two voting council members, representing the
         National Association of Industrial and Office Properties
         and the construction trade unions, respectively;

    (3) Require the State Building Code Council and its
         subcommittee to conduct a cost-benefit analysis prior to
         recommending state code amendments;

    (4) Require council members and the drafters of recommended
         state code amendments to disclose potential conflicts of
         financial interests;

    (5) Require the State Building Code Council to consult with
         builders of residential, commercial, and industrial
         buildings; and

(6)   Require the State Building Code Council to adopt the
        International Building Code every six years starting
        with the 2018 edition.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the State Fire Council and Honolulu Fire Department.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii
State Energy Office.

Your Committee finds that the State Building Code Council was
established by Act 82, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, to create and
implement a uniform set of statewide building codes applicable to
all construction in the State of Hawaii, which is now known as the
Hawaii State Building Codes. Your Committee further finds that
health and safety considerations related to the State Building
Codes are matters of statewide concern.

Your Committee also finds that the State Building Code
Council has struggled with limited funding and insufficient
staffing since its creation. With most members being government
officials lacking the required knowledge and experience.
Amendments to the State Building Codes proposed by the private
sector and others, especially amendments to codes that do not
pertain to public health or safety, are often adopted without a
cost benefit analysis; input from residential, commercial, and
industrial builders; or consideration of the resulting increase in
the overall cost of construction in Hawaii. This measure will
ensure that knowledgeable and experienced members are making
decisions as to the State Building Codes.

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. 1407 and recommends
that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on
Judiciary.

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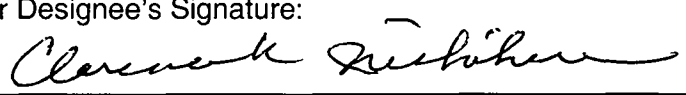Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 1407	PSM, JDC	Feb. 16, 2021

☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

☑ Pass, unamended
2312
☐ Pass, with amendments
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☐ Hold
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☐ Recommit
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—

Recommendation:

☑ Adopted   ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

Clarence K. Nishihara

*Only <u>one</u> measure per Record of Votes