

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16, 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1502
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1502 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to subject a defendant who has
been convicted of four misdemeanors in any business district or
resort zoned area to a probationary term of geographic
restriction.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9 and ten individuals.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that business districts and resort areas
tend to have increased rates of criminal activity partly due to
high rates of foot traffic. In addition the criminal activity in
these areas is often at the hands of repeat offenders who return
to the same location to victimize new, unsuspected individuals.
This measure would make these areas safer by imposing strict
penalties for repeat offenders.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Clarifying that a resort area is an area zoned for resort or resort-hotel use by the appropriate county land use decision-making authority; and
- (2) 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 Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1502, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1502, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development,



SEAN QUINLAN, Chair



