

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

447

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 208  
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 Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 208  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require sellers of  
buildings or structures that are wholly or partially occupied for  
residential purposes to equip the buildings or structures with  
approved smoke alarms in accordance with existing state or county  
building or residential codes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii State Fire Council and Honolulu Fire Department.  
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i  
Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that according to the 1994 Uniform  
Building Code adopted by Hawaii, residents are required to install  
smoke detectors in all new and renovated dwelling units. Your  
Committee further finds that smoke alarms that are properly  
installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths  
and injuries. The smoke alarm requirement proposed by this  
measure will provide a reasonable degree of safety to occupants.

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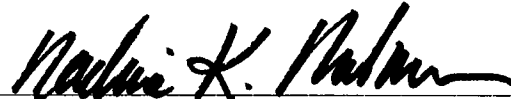


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 208, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 208, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



NADINE K. NAKAMURA, Chair



