

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

379

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1104

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 1104 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONTRACTORS RECOVERY FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the monetary amount an injured homeowner may recover from the Contractor's Recovery Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Contractors License Board. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds the Contractors Recovery Fund was created to provide financial assistance to homeowners injured by the act, representation, transaction, or conduct of a licensed contractor. Currently, the maximum amount of recovery from the fund is \$12,500 per contract, and the maximum payout per licensed contractor is \$25,000. However, due to increased construction costs, homeowners are increasingly unable to recoup some of their financial losses from the fund. Accordingly, this measure increases the maximum recovery amount to \$25,000 per contract, and the maximum payout per licensed contractor to \$75,000.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1104 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB1104	Committee Referral: CPN, WAM	Date: 02.12.2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	/			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	7	—	—	—
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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