

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1914 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2022

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RE: S.B. No. 2002
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2002, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAIR HOUSING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Define "assistance animal" in the context of existing state law that prohibits discrimination in real property transactions;
- (2) Codify the administrative process that allows an owner or other person engaging in a real estate transaction to request that a person claiming a disability provide verification to establish the disability-related need for a specific assistance animal as a reasonable accommodation; and
- (3) Specify that the possession of a vest or other distinguishing animal garment, tag, or registration document that is commonly purchased online and purports to identify an animal as a service animal or assistance animal does not constitute valid verification.

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Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Disability and Communication Access Board, Community Associations Institute Legislative Action Committee, Associa, and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that persons with disabilities who request reasonable accommodations, including the use of an assistance animal, should be provided equal opportunity to use and enjoy housing accommodations. Your Committee finds that the requirements imposed by this measure strike an appropriate balance between the needs of both parties to a real estate transaction.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2002, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2002, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,

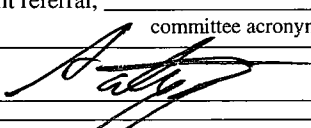

MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2002, SD2, HD1	Committee Referral: HSG, JHA	Date: 3-29-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (11)	11	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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