

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2050**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 03 2022

RE: S.B. No. 449

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 449 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require sellers of buildings or structures that are wholly or partially occupied for residential purposes to be equipped with working smoke alarms.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, and Maui Fire Department.

Your Committee finds that smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. In the event of a fire, smoke spreads quickly and smoke alarms maximize occupants' chance of escape. Your Committee believes that requiring residential buildings be sold with installed, functioning smoke detectors benefits public safety. This measure will reduce casualties from residential fire by requiring sellers of residential real property to provide working smoke alarms in the building.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 449



and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB449	JDC	01-28-22		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	6	-	-	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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