

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

150

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 681
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 681
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BUILDING CODES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt any code with an
official publication date within four years of the prior code
publication date from certain adoption requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from HPM Building Supply, Homeworks Construction Inc., Building
Industry Association of Hawaii, NAIOP Hawaii, Complete
Construction Services Corp., General Contractors Association of
Hawaii, and D.R. Horton Hawaii LLC. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii State
Energy Office and Climate Protectors Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the state
building code goes through numerous changes regularly, causing
confusion, delays, and constant added cost. Your Committee
further finds that while well intended, the existing adoption
protocol for the state building code unintentionally creates
confusion and uncertainty in the design and building industry as
to effective dates of code editions relative to development
schedules, including housing projects. This measure will provide

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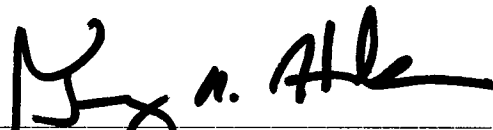


a balance regarding the adoption of new codes to ensure that health and safety are maintained while providing a practical approach that brings much needed clarity to the overall process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

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. 681, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 681, 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,



TROY N. KASHIMOTO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 681	Committee Referral: HSG, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/3/23		
<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)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (C)	✓			
2. AIU, Micah P.K. (VC)	✓			
3. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
4. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
6. ONISHI, Richard H.K.			✓	
7. TODD, Chris	✓			
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (8)	7		1	
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Neil A...</i>				
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