

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2089
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2089 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that the adoption, amendment, or update of a building code or standard by the State Building Code Council be within two years of every other official publication date of a code or standard.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from HPM Building Supply; D.R. Horton Hawaii LLC; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; NAIOP Hawaii; Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii; American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii; Holomua Collaborative; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Blue Planet Foundation; American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers; and Sierra Club of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Energy Office and Hawai'i Energy.

Your Committee finds that this measure will allow for more time so that all stakeholders concur, resulting in quicker review times and a smoother permitting and construction process.




Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reverting to the existing schedule of adoption, amendment, or update of the Hawaii State Building Codes;
- (2) Requiring that the adoption, amendment, or update of the International Building Code and International Residential Code by the State Building Code Council be within two years of every other official publication date of the applicable code or standard;
- (3) Providing that if a county does not amend the Hawaii State Building Codes within the required two-year time frame, the Hawaii State Building Codes will become applicable as the interim county building code, until superseded by the adoption of an amended version of the Hawaii State Building Codes or standards by the county;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) 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 Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2089, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2089, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,


LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



