

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2104

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15

, 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 163
S.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 163, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO
ADOPT FLEXIBLE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS OR ESTABLISH VARIANCE
PROCEDURES FOR STATE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES TO ENHANCE LAND
USE EFFICIENCY AND PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the counties to adopt flexible setback requirements or establish variance procedures for state buildings and facilities to enhance land use efficiency and public service delivery.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services and Grassroots Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that setback requirements mandate minimum distances between structures and property lines and are established to ensure safety, privacy, and aesthetic standards in urban planning. However, strict adherence to uniform setback requirements can limit the State's ability to develop or renovate public buildings and facilities in a manner that maximizes land use efficiency. Your Committee further finds that other jurisdictions have implemented flexible setback policies or

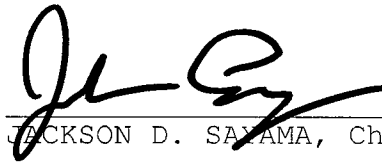
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granted variances to accommodate the unique needs of public buildings, thereby promoting greater density and more efficient use of public resources. Your Committee believes that flexibility can lead to improved public service delivery by allowing state facilities to be more appropriately sized and located.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 163, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



JACKSON D. SAYAMA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">SCR 163, SD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">LAB</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">4-11-25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (C)	/			
2. LEE, Mike (VC)	/			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya				/
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
6. REYES ODA, Julie	/			
TOTAL (6)	5			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">JES</div>				
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