

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 175
H.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 Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 175 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require owners, lessees, or managers of real property to maintain their property and establish penalties for failure to do so.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that neglected properties create environmental hazards, including serving as breeding grounds for invasive species and raising the risk for wildfires. Your Committee believes that property owners and lessees have a duty to mitigate these risks by taking steps to prevent properties from falling into neglect. This measure is intended to protect the State's ecosystem and reduce the risk of wildfires by requiring owners and lessees to maintain their properties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

2025-1118 HB175 HD1 HSCR HMSO

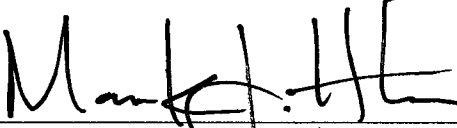


- (1) Removing property managers from the list of persons subject to the requirements of this measure;
- (2) Clarifying the property management requirements for preventing the proliferation of invasive species;
- (3) Requiring the Department of Agriculture, rather than Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Health, to establish rules relating to inspection, enforcement, and the collection of fines and restricting the purview of the Department of Agriculture to violations relating to the proliferation of invasive species;
- (4) Requiring the Office of the State Fire Marshal to establish rules relating to inspection, enforcement, and collection of fines for violations relating to the prevention of wildfires and other public safety hazards and authorizing the Office to delegate the inspection, enforcement, appeal, and collection of fines to the county fire departments;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) 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. 175, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 175, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.



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


MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 175	Committee Referral: WAL, JHA, FIN	Date: 11/28/2025
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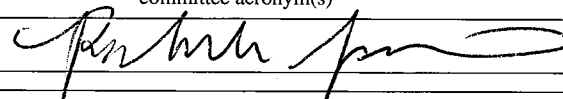
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	✓			
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	9	0	0	1

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____



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