

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 217

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. 217  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOME RENOVATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to update the cost valuations  
of work on buildings for the work to qualify for an exemption from  
the requirement that plans and specifications for construction  
projects be prepared by a licensed engineer or architect.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Solar Association and three individuals. Your  
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from  
the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and  
Landscape Architects. Your Committee received comments on this  
measure from the American Institute of Architects Hawaii State  
Council.

Your Committee finds that making a house accessible,  
renovating a bathroom, modernizing a kitchen, or other simple  
renovation projects require a licensed professional engineer or  
architect to prepare plans for the renovation based on certain  
cost valuations. The exemption from this requirement is based on  
cost valuations originally established in 1979, which has not been  
updated since. Your Committee further finds that these outdated

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cost valuations have unnecessarily added to the costs of simple home renovations. This measure will update the cost valuations used to qualify for this exemption, thereby reducing costs for homeowners who wish to have simple renovations done to their homes.

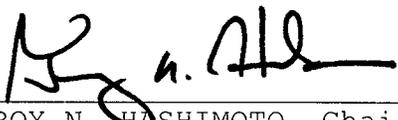
Your Committee notes that the increases that are reflected in this measure were calculated by taking the amounts from 1979, when this requirement was first established, and calculating the cost of inflation, then adding it to the 1979 amounts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 217, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 217, 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,

  
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TROY N. HASHIMOTO, Chair



