

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1749

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 06 2023

RE: H.B. No. 217
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 217, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Update the cost valuations of work on certain residences 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; and
- (2) Clarify the types of work that shall not be exempted from the requirement that plans be prepared by a licensed engineer or architect.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Institute of Architects Hawaii Council; Crossland Engineering, LLC; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects; Our Revolution Hawaii; and 350Hawaii.org.



Your Committee finds that existing law requires that plans and specifications for construction projects on certain buildings, including residences, must be prepared by a licensed engineer or architect, unless the estimated cost of the work is under a certain dollar amount. The law was last amended in 1979 and the value of one dollar in 1979 is now equivalent to over four dollars. Accordingly, this measure updates cost valuations of certain work that can be performed without plans or specifications prepared by a licensed engineer or architect, thus decreasing the cost for homeowners to make renovations to their homes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting unspecified amounts for the cost valuations of work on certain residences 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; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 217, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 217, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,

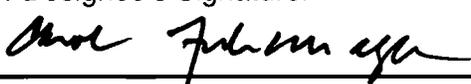


JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB217 HDISDI	Committee Referral: HOU, CPN	Date: 3/29/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes