STAND. COM. REP. NO.

733

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 175, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require owners or lessees of real property to maintain their property and establish penalties for failure to do so;
- (2) Require the Department of Agriculture to establish rules for the enforcement and collection of fines for violations relating to the proliferation of invasive species; and
- (3) Require the Office of the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules for the enforcement and collection of fines for violations relating to the prevention of wildfires and other public safety hazards.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Lāhainā Strong; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and numerous individuals. Your

Committee received comments on this measure from the Building Owners and Managers Association - Hawai'i and one individual.

Your Committee finds that approximately one-quarter of land in the State is covered in flammable invasive grasses and shrubs, which puts the State at higher risk of wildfire than sixteen western states. Your Committee further finds that approximately 94.4 percent of residences in the State are vulnerable to wildfires because their communities are within or adjacent too invasive or flammable grasses. This measure addresses these concerns by requiring land owners to maintain their property or be subject to penalties.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 175, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

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HBI15 HDI WAL, JHA, FIN 02   11 2025  ☐ 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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)				
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
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6. KAHALOA, Kirstin				
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	16.16			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
9. TODD, Chris				
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10. GARCIA, Diamond				
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.				
TOTAL (11)	9	D	D	2
The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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