STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2055

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2397

S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2397 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE SPRINKLERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit counties from requiring installation or retrofitting of automatic fire sprinklers in new or existing one- or two-family dwelling units used only for residential purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Building Industry Association; Complete Construction Services Corp.; The Pacific Resource Partnership; Alan Shintani Inc.; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; The Gentry Companies; RMA Sales; Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association; and one individual. Testimony in opposition was received from the State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Maui Fire Department, Kaua'i Fire Department, National Fire Protection Association, Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii, and The Plumbers and Fitters Union, Local 675.

Your Committee finds that the mandatory installation of automatic fire sprinklers is unnecessary at this time because new homes are built with better fire safety measures; fire sprinklers are not cost-effective; targeted fire safety education programs work; fire sprinklers have not been proven to enhance the safety of occupants; and if a homeowner wants to install a fire sprinkler, that option should be left to the homeowner.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to January 1, 2025, to ensure further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2397, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2397, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs,

WILL ESPERO, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs PGM

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)		V			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)					
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		V			
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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