

Honolulu, Hawaii **Elevan 15**, 2013 RE: H.B. No. 345 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 345 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify and update a county fire chief's authority to review construction, alteration, and other installation plans and specifications for buildings or properties, for compliance with the fire code and fire and life safety standards.

The State Fire Council, Kauai Fire Department, and Department of Fire and Public Safety of the County of Maui supported this measure. The Building Industry Association of Hawaii opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that:

- (1) The county fire chief's authority to require plans and documents to demonstrate compliance with the fire code and fire and life safety standards includes:
 - (A) Construction work on facilities; and
 - (B) Changes in use of structures; and



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(2) Various types of construction shall not commence without the necessary permits issued by the jurisdiction having authority.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 345, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 345, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety,

HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 345	Committee Referral: PBS, CPC		Date: Febr	uary	14,201		
□ 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)							
PBS Members		Ayes	Ayes (W	R) Na	ays	Excused	
1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)		\checkmark					
2. ING, Kaniela (VC)		<u> </u>					
3. HASHEM, Mark J.		<u> </u>					
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda							
5. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.		$\overline{\mathcal{O}}$					
6. TAKUMI, Roy M.							
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.		\bigcirc					
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.		\checkmark				/	
9. MCDERMOTT, Bob							
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:							
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