

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2013

RE: S.B. No. 212
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 212 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow the counties six, rather than two, years to adopt their amendments to the state building code; and
- (2) Permit the counties to apply their most recently adopted building code until the new amendments are adopted and use the state building code as a reference during the six-year timeframe.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Building Industry Association of Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Defense; Kauai Fire Department; Department of Fire and Public Safety, County of Maui; Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii; Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii; American Chemistry Council; International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials; and International Code Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; American Institute of Architects; and American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii.

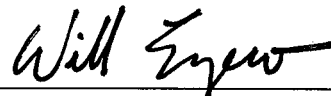


Your Committee finds that the purpose of building codes is to establish minimum acceptable standards necessary for preserving the public health, safety, and welfare and for protecting property. The development and updating of appropriate uniform building codes that can withstand the unique threats and hazards of Hawaii are critical in protecting our citizens. Currently, most states update their building codes every three years to ensure that the most up-to-date safety practices, innovations in energy efficiency, and other practical advances in construction are incorporated into the building codes. In the interest of public safety, your Committee finds that counties should likewise be required to adopt their amendments to the model code within three years after the State Building Code Council adopts the State Building Code.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the timeframe from six to three years for counties to adopt the statewide model building code and making conforming amendments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 212, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 212, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 212</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">PSM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-12-2012</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
GREEN, Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3	—	—	2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 100px;">Rosalyn H Baker</div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 2px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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