

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2051
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was
referred H.B. No. 2051, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds to the Department of Accounting and General Services for the
operations of the State Building Code Council.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; State Building Code Council; Hawaii State Fire Council;
Building Industry Association of Hawaii; Subcontractors
Association of Hawaii; American Council of Engineering Companies
of Hawaii; and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that the State Building Code Council has
the authority to adopt, amend, or update the Hawaii state building
codes, applicable to all building construction in the State.
However, the Council has not received any funding since the
Council's inception in 2007, and the existing state building codes
are not in compliance with national standards. Implementation of
this measure will provide the State Building Code Council with the
funds necessary to modernize the State's building codes,



safeguarding life, property, and the general welfare of the citizens of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2051, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2051, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



Record of Votes
Committee on Government Operations
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes