STAND. COM. REP. NO. 76



Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 , 2020

H.B. No. 1754 RE:

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2020 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1754 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the installment of automatic fire sprinkler systems in the State by requiring builders of new one- and two-family dwellings to provide buyers with information on the benefits and costs associated with installing and maintaining a residential fire sprinkler system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Hawaii Fire Department, Kauai Fire Department, and Maui Fire Department. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Building Industry Association Hawaii, and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that installing smoke alarms and sprinklers in homes reduces the risk of fire-related deaths by eighty-two percent. This measure ensures that future homeowners are given valuable information about fire sprinkler systems when building a new home, which will enable these homeowners to make an informed choice regarding fire safety. This measure also

establishes a civil fine in cases where a person willfully violates the requirements to provide the homebuyer with certain information.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2025, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1754, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1754, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Intrastate Commerce and Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Housing,

TOM BROWER, CALL

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1754	Committee			Date:	'n -2	Ď.	
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)							
HSG Members		Ayes	Ayes (WI	R) N	lays	Excused	
1. BROWER, Tom (C)							
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (	VC)						
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.							
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.							
5. HASHEM, Mark J.							
6. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.							
7. WOODSON, Justin H.							
8. McDERMOTT, Bob							
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TOTAL (8)		8	8	7	Į	Ø	
The recommendation is:	Adopted If joint referral,	□ Not Adopte	□ Not Adopted  did not support recommendation.  mittee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:							
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