

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 05 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2115  
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 Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2115 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require each county to establish a procedure to ensure that an asbestos survey and any necessary abatement are performed prior to the issuance of any permit for the renovation or demolition of a residential property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that even though a national ban on the use of asbestos in building material was enacted in the 1970s, asbestos-containing material was still used in construction of residential properties in Hawaii until the mid-1980s. Your Committee further finds that although the harmful impacts of asbestos are widely known, asbestos has escaped regulation in Hawaii. However, your Committee finds that enacting statutory measures to address this issue may be premature.

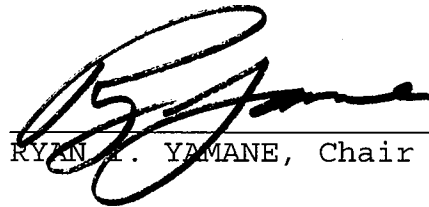


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting proposed statutory language and inserting new language requiring the Department of Health to conduct an evaluation on asbestos exposure in single family residences;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2115, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2115, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land, &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



RYAN L. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The THIRTIETH Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.1em;">HB2115</span>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.1em;">WLH, CPC, FIN</span>	<b>Date:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">01/31/2020</span>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WLH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. TODD, Chris (VC)	✓			
3. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
4. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
5. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
6. WILDBERGER, Tina	✓			
7. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (7)</b>	7	0	0	0
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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