

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1683

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.R. No. 24

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 24 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING EACH COUNTY TO ADOPT AN  
ORDINANCE REQUIRING, AS A CONDITION OF ITS APPROVAL OF A  
SUBDIVISION OR ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR ANY NEW  
STRUCTURE OR UNIT WITHIN A STRUCTURE, THE SUBDIVIDER OR  
DEVELOPER TO OBTAIN ASSURANCE OF MAIL DELIVERY TO EACH  
PARCEL, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request each  
county to adopt an ordinance requiring, as a condition of its  
approval of a subdivision or issuance of a building permit for any  
new structure or unit within a structure, the subdivider or  
developer to obtain assurance of mail delivery to each parcel.

Your Committee received no testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that in many rural areas, the United  
States Postal Service does not deliver mail to the doorstep of  
each lot, parcel, structure, or unit even with a street address,  
and instead makes deliveries to a specific location from which  
residents in the area can retrieve their mail, including  
individual post office boxes at local post offices and cluster box  
units that serve multiple addresses within the area. However, in  
such rural areas, residents rely on mail-order deliveries, but the



rural post offices cannot handle the influx of parcels as shown by lines of residents waiting hours for parcel delivery. In Hawaii, certain property development projects, including subdivisions in rural areas, lack the sufficient number of post office boxes and cluster box units to serve all residents in the area, thereby requiring some to drive over an hour to retrieve their mail from a friend or family member residing within the United States Postal Service's service area to whom they had their mail sent in care of. Your Committee believes that people in Hawaii should be able to receive their mail and parcel deliveries at a location that is within a reasonable distance from their residence. This measure will help residents of rural and underserved communities in the State to more easily access their mail.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 24, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 24, S.D. 1.

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

GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Second Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">SR24</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">PSM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">3/31/23</div>		
<div><input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____</div>				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div></div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">[Signature]</div>				
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