

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1584

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 163
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Government Operations, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 163 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT FLEXIBLE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES TO ENHANCE LAND USE EFFICIENCY AND PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the counties to adopt flexible setback requirements or establish variance procedures for state buildings and facilities to enhance land use efficiency and public service delivery.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committees find that the State is committed to optimizing the use of public lands to serve the community effectively. Your Committees further find that flexible setback policies or variances that accommodate the unique needs of public buildings can promote greater density and more efficient use of public resources. According to testimony received by your Committees, because land costs in Hawaii can easily top \$2 million for relatively small commercial or industrial lots, it should be a priority of the State to get the most value out of taxpayer



dollars when building or renovating its buildings. This measure can help state facilities be more appropriately sized and located, thereby leading to improved public service delivery.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

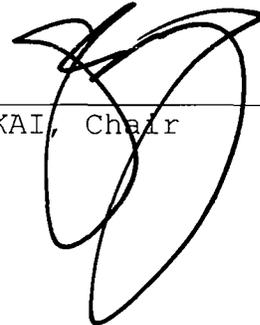
- (1) Amending its title; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 163, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 163, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy and
Intergovernmental Affairs and
Government Operations,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn				✓
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3			2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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