

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3755

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1897  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1897, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the conditions and procedures of alternative dispute resolution methods for condominium-related disputes, including the use of facilitative mediation, evaluative mediation, or binding arbitration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Associa Hawaii and Community Associations Institute.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Honolulu Tower and nineteen individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Law Offices of Mark K. McKellar, LLC and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing law allows for the potential for abusive or inconsistent imposition of fines under chapter 514B, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This measure addresses this issue by enhancing due process procedures in condominium-



related disputes, requiring fines assessed by condominium associations to be reasonable, and ensuring easier access to an alternative dispute resolution process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1897, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



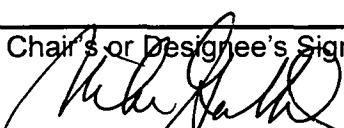
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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 1897 HAI SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CAN - JDC</b>	Date: <b>4/9/26</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.		✓		
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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\*Only one measure per Record of Votes