

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3165**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1957
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 Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1957, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SAFE ENTRYWAYS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish, for a county with a population greater than three hundred thousand, enforcement procedures to prevent people or personal property from blocking or otherwise impeding ingress or egress to private doorways and entranceways.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Aloha Independent Living Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that retail storefronts depend on safe, clear, and accessible entrances. Across many of the State's urban commercial districts, retailers and their employees regularly experience situations in which doorways, service entrances, and emergency exits are blocked by individuals or personal property. Obstructed doorways and other entrances can create significant safety concerns for customers, employees, delivery personnel, as well as vulnerable individuals, such as seniors, children, and

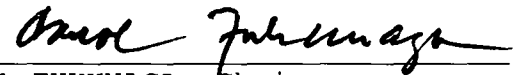


those with disabilities. Additionally, obstructions can interfere with fire exits, putting public safety at risk. This measure provides a balanced approach by focusing on material obstructions, while also establishing essential safeguards. In doing so, the measure improves public safety and access to retail storefronts without jeopardizing due process.

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1957, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1957, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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




CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
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<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	x			
LEE, Chris (VC)	x			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	x			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				x
DECORTE, Samantha	x			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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