

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2026

APR 02

RE: H.R. No. 164

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.R.
No. 164 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A
PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE HAWAII STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the State Auditor
to conduct a performance audit of the Hawaii State Building Code
Council.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Grassroot
Institute of Hawaii; and Building Industry Association of Hawaii.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office
of the Auditor.


Your Committee finds that the Hawaii State Building Code
Council was established to adopt and maintain a statewide building
code to promote public safety, uniform construction standards, and
consistent county building regulations. Your Committee further
finds, however, that although the intent of the Hawaii State
Building Code Council was to bring greater uniformity to county
regulations, the practical impact has been the opposite, resulting
in greater inconsistency and unpredictability across
jurisdictions. Your Committee notes that the extended dormancy of
the Hawaii State Building Code Council has created an opportunity



to evaluate whether the Council's functions are necessary and beneficial and believes that it is appropriate for the State Auditor, with experience in conducting performance audits to determine the efficacy and effectiveness of government programs and agencies, to conduct a performance audit of the Council at this time.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 164 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

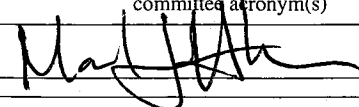
for 

MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



HSCR 1748-2C

Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 164	Committee Referral: WAL, FIN	Date: 3/31/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
8. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
9. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (9)	9	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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