

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3396

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2018

RE: S.C.R. No. 27
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF HOME INSPECTORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a sunrise review of the licensure and regulation of home inspectors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawai'i Association of REALTORS, Hawaii Association of Home Inspectors, Forefront Inspections, and four individuals.

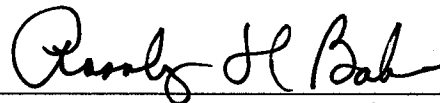
Your Committee finds that buying a home could be the largest single investment a person or family will ever make. To minimize unexpected costs and delays in purchasing the home, it is important for the purchaser to learn as much as possible about the newly constructed or existing home before closing on the purchase. Home inspectors play an integral role in many real estate transactions and can help identify any needed repairs or builder defects prior to closing, as well as any maintenance issues that are necessary to keep the home in good condition after purchase.



Your Committee further finds that unlike other professionals who are involved in real estate transactions, such as real estate appraisers, real estate brokers and salespersons, mortgage loan originators, and mortgage servicers, home inspectors are not regulated by the State and do not require state licensure to perform services in Hawaii. This measure therefore requests the Auditor to conduct a sunrise review of the licensure and regulation of home inspectors, which will provide much needed insight into the potential regulation of this profession.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,

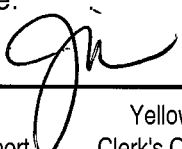


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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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 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			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/		
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	/		
CHANG, Stanley	/		
ESPERO, Will	/		
IHARA, Jr., Les			/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.			/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/		
TOTAL	5		2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 			
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