

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2020

**FEB 14**

RE: H.B. No. 2607

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2607 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC ORDER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit urination or defecation in a public place within business districts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that witnessing other individuals urinating and defecating in public frightens and offends many people. Your Committee also finds that these behaviors also create a public health risk because of the spread of diseases and other health hazards stemming from human waste. These health concerns, along with the smell associated with public urination and defecation, can often discourage people from patronizing establishments located in business districts.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that urinating or defecating in a public place is punishable by a fine of no more than \$100;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2607, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2607, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The THIRTIETH Legislature

HSCR 673-20

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2607	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date: 2/13/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	/			
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. CREAGAN, Richard P.		/		
5. LOWEN, Nicole E.				/
6. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
8. PERRUSO, Amy A.			/	
9. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				/
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.				/
12. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (12)	7	1	1	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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