

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Voting Members:

Carol Fukunaga, Chair; Kymberly Marcos Pine, Vice-Chair
Ikaika Anderson, Stanley Chang, Breene Harimoto

Committee Meeting Held
April 22, 2014

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development, which considered Bill 33 (2014) entitled:

“A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HOUSING CODE,”

which passed First Reading at the April 16, 2014 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of this Bill is to add unmaintained auwai that endanger public health or safety as a condition that may contribute towards a “substandard building” as defined in the city’s Housing Code.

The Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) testified in general support of the Bill, but raised some enforcement and definitional concerns. The Director explained that enforcement will require the cooperation and permission of the property owners and neighbors to enable the Department to enter a private property for inspection. The Director also explained that the term “waterway,” as used in the definition of auwai, may be overly broad and may conflict with Army Corps of Engineers’ regulatory authority over aquatic resources, including streams.

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Through a series of community meetings and clean up actions, the Auwai Study Group identified the need for the proper maintenance of auwai. This Bill addresses the public health and safety concerns from improperly maintained auwai that were raised by the Auwai Study Group by authorizing DPP to take corrective actions through the existing citation process to cite violators and encourage timely removal of overgrown vegetation and other health and safety hazards.

Your Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 33 (2014) and recommends that it pass Second Reading, be scheduled for a public hearing, and thereafter be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Fukunaga, Chang, Harimoto, Pine – 4; Noes: None; Excused: Anderson – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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