

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND HOUSING

Voting Members:

Kymerly Marcos Pine, Chair; Ikaika Anderson, Vice-Chair;
Brandon Elefante, Ann H. Kobayashi, Joey Manahan

Committee Meeting Held
March 9, 2017

Honorable Ron Menor
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning and Housing, to which was referred Bill 17 (2017) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BUILDING INSPECTIONS,"

Introduced on February 15, 2017 and which passed first reading at the February 22, 2017 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Bill is to amend Chapter 16, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 (the "Building Code") by adding a new article to require the periodic inspection of the exterior walls and appurtenances of certain buildings.

The Acting Director and the Deputy Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) stated that the DPP understands the intent of the Bill, but noted concerns that the measure could significantly increase the DPP's enforcement responsibilities, and the DPP may not be able to increase its staffing to carry out these additional duties. The Acting Director added that the Bill would apply to approximately 4,000 buildings. The Deputy Director stated that the DPP currently provides enforcement in response to complaints.

Your Committee received comments from the Hawaii Council of Associations of Apartment Owners (oral testimony) and from one individual (written testimony).

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Your Committee Chair noted that there was ample time to address concerns and work out details of the Bill before it could be enacted.

Your Committee on Zoning and Housing recommends that Bill 17 (2017) pass Second Reading, be scheduled for public hearing, and be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Pine, Anderson, Elefante, Kobayashi, Manahan – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,


Committee Chair

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