



RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE OF THE 2005 RESIDENTIAL FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT.

WHEREAS, by its adoption of Resolution 04-334, CD1, on December 1, 2004, the City Council ("Council") requested the Honolulu Fire Department to establish a Residential Fire Safety Advisory Committee to gather information and prepare findings and recommendations on options, requirements, time frames, costs, incentives, and benefits regarding fire-related life safety measures for residential high-rise buildings; and

WHEREAS, by Miscellaneous Communication No. 1636, dated May 31, 2005, the Residential Fire Safety Advisory Committee transmitted its report, which, among other things, discussed incentives to mitigate costs for residential high-rise building safety improvements including:

- Real property tax credits and exemptions,
- Building permit fee reductions,
- State tax credits, and
- City-sponsored low interest loans; and

WHEREAS, the report also included a list of non-sprinkler residential high-rise buildings, cost analyses, and proposed State legislation; and

WHEREAS, since the preparation of the Residential Fire Safety Advisory Committee report, new technology and financial tools have been made available to mitigate the costs of building improvements for property owners; and

WHEREAS, 12 years have passed since the Residential Fire Safety Advisory Committee report was presented to the Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is urged to provide an update of the 2005 Residential Fire Safety Advisory Committee report by either reconvening the 2005 Advisory Committee or establishing a new advisory committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the update should include cost options, findings, proposed legislation, and recommendations, including incentives, technologies, and financial tools that may be available with respect to fire-related life safety improvements for residential high-rise buildings; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that membership in the reconvened 2005 Residential Fire Safety Advisory Committee or a newly established advisory committee should include, at a minimum, representatives of the Honolulu Fire Department, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, the Department of Planning and Permitting, the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services Real Property Assessment Division, the Hawaii Council of Associations of Apartment Owners, the Hawaii Building Owners and Managers Association, the Honolulu Board of Realtors, the Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Hawaii's insurance industry, and a fire protection engineer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Residential Fire Safety Advisory Committee, whether reconvened or newly established, is requested to submit a progress report to the Council within 90 days of its first meeting; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Fire Chief, the Chair of the Honolulu Fire Commission, the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Governor.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

July 19, 2017 _____
Honolulu, Hawaii

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