STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2816

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2240
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2240, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for the legislative branch of the State of Hawaii.

Specifically, this measure appropriates moneys for:

(1) The Senate and House of Representatives for the period up to and including June 30, 2027; and

(2) The Office of the Auditor, Legislative Reference Bureau, Office of the Ombudsman, and State Ethics Commission for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Office of the Ombudsman, Legislative Reference Bureau, and Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that this measure appropriates sufficient funds to defray necessary expenses of the Senate and House of Representatives, including expenses for a legislative

information system and legislative broadcasting program, along with funds necessary to support the operations of the Office of the Auditor, Legislative Reference Bureau, Office of the Ombudsman, and State Ethics Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2240, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Committee on Ways and Means,

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

☒ Pass, unamended 2312 ☐ Pass, with amendments 2311 ☐ Hold 2310 ☐ Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0

Recommendation: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

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