

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2362  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2362 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the counties to automatically approve permits for hurricane retrofitting under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that many single-family homes in Hawaii, particularly those built with older single-wall construction, are not resilient enough to withstand severe weather events, leaving residents vulnerable to property loss and insurance instability. Recent hurricane-related insurance cancellations and rising natural disaster risks have further highlighted the need for streamlined structural improvements that meet modern fortified protection standards. Your Committee believes that automatically approving permits for qualified hurricane retrofit projects will ensure residents can more easily strengthen their homes against increasingly frequent and damaging storms.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2362, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2362, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

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

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LUKE A. EVSLIN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2362	HSG, WAL, JHA	2/6/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVSLIN, Luke A. (C)	✓			
2. MIYAKE, Tyson K. (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
4. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada	✓			
5. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
6. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
7. LA CHICA, Trish				✓
8. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓			
9. PIERICK, Elijah	✓			
TOTAL (9)	8	0	0	1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Tyson Miyake</u>				
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