

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3379**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 30 2026**

RE: H.B. No. 2582  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 2582, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the membership and responsibilities of the Public Land Trust Working Group established under Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022;
- (2) Require the Working Group to submit four reports to the Legislature as follows:
  - (A) By August 1, 2027, a first interim report regarding Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006 (Act 178), financial reporting and accounting;
  - (B) By December 1, 2027, a second interim report regarding the public land trust inventory;
  - (C) By June 1, 2028, a third interim report that includes a preliminary draft of findings and recommendations regarding Act 178 financial reporting and accounting and the public land trust inventory; and



- (D) By October 1, 2028, a final report that includes proposed legislation; and
- (3) Authorize the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to provide administrative support to the Working Group in coordination with a third-party consultant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, one member of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees, one member of the Kaua'i County Council, Hawaiian Council, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Moana Ohana, Hawai'i District United Methodist Church, Moanalua Gardens Foundation Hawai'i, Purple Mai'a Foundation, Kalihi Pālama Hawaiian Civic Club, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, and thirty-two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the annual cap of \$21,500,000 allocated to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the benefit of native Hawaiians may fall short of the statutory amount of twenty percent of revenues generated from the public land trust. This measure would enable the establishment of an accurate public land trust inventory and consistent accounting and reporting to ensure the Office of Hawaiian Affairs receives a fair and accurate share of public land trust revenues.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2582, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



HERBERT M. RICHARDS, III, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
HWN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2582, HD 2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HWN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>03-24-2026</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (C)	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett				✓
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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**\*Only one measure per Record of Votes**