

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2240**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2627
S.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 Economic Development and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 2627 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the law relating to economic development and tourism.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted and made available for public review a proposed S.D. 1, which amends this measure by deleting its contents and replacing it with language that exempts the Hawaii Tourism Authority's contracts or agreements for sports projects and events and marketing activities from the Hawaii Public Procurement Code and all other requirements of law for competitive bidding.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed S.D. 1.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2627, as amended herein, and recommends that it be recommitted to your Committee on Economic Development and



Tourism, in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2627, S.D. 1, for further consideration.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism,



LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes