STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2754

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 5 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2928
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2928, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote the growth and development of small businesses in the State.

Specifically, this measure permanently establishes and appropriates moneys for the small business procurement program and the small business procurement coordinator position within the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; State Procurement Office; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Native Hawaiian Community Development Corporation; Wahiawa Value Added Product Development Center; Pacific Resource Partnership; Legacy Visuals LLC; CivicNexus; Hello Momentum; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that although small businesses are critical to the State's economic development, they have historically faced structural barriers to participating effectively in public procurement. Your Committee further finds

that the small business procurement program established by this measure will help to increase small business participation in state contracting, improve competition, strengthen local supply chains, and ensure that public procurement funds circulate within Hawaii's economy.

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 S.B. No. 2928, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass 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

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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	12	0	0	1

Recommendation: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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