STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2854

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3048
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. 3048, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to strengthen the capacity of the State Building Code Council to identify and address permitting backlogs.

Specifically, this measure:

(1) Establishes and appropriates moneys for a permanent full-time position to support statewide building code coordination, permitting transparency, and modernization initiatives;

(2) Requires consistent county reporting on building permitting performance;

(3) Requires a plan for the creation of a standardized statewide permitting data system or public dashboard; and

(4) Requires the development of statewide standards for credentialing, training, and continuing education for permitting officials.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and Hawaii Food Industry Association.

Your Committee finds that the absence of standardized data reporting of permitting timelines and bottlenecks limits the State's ability to identify and address systemic issues in the permitting system. This measure will address this issue by building dedicated staffing capacity in the State Building Code Council to support data collection, analysis, training coordination, and transparency initiatives related to permitting performance.

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. 3048, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
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	12	0	0	1

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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