

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3643

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1663
H.D. 2
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 H.B. No. 1663, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate the reimbursement of travel expenses for public officers and employees.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Includes "vehicle mileage" in the applicable definition of "approved travel costs";
- (2) Requires the State or relevant county to reimburse an officer or employee for work-related travel costs that the officer or employee loaned to the State or county, within thirty calendar days after the officer or employee submits an approved statement of completed travel;
- (3) Requires the State or relevant county to pay an officer or employee unspecified interest on any approved travel costs not reimbursed within thirty calendar days;



- (4) Obligates an officer or employee to request a complete refund from the travel vendor if the approved travel is canceled, or if the officer or employee can no longer participate in the approved travel; and
- (5) Entitles an officer or employee to reimbursement from the State or relevant county when a travel vendor offers a partial refund, or no refund.

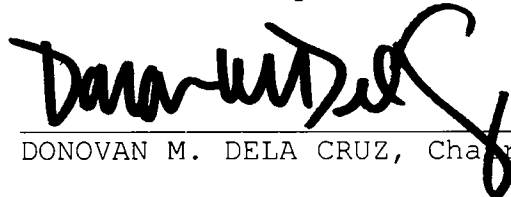
Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the United Public Workers, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; and Hawaii Government Employees Association.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office and Hawaii State Public Library System.

Your Committee finds that the work-related travel expenses incurred by governmental employees can be significant. Your Committee believes that it is appropriate for the State to ensure the timely processing of reimbursements to employees for approved travel costs, and to pay interest if a reimbursement is not timely.

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 H.B. No. 1663, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

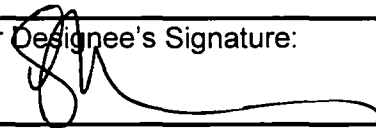
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1660, HD2, SD1	LBT/GVO, WAM	4/6/2026		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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