

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3652**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2104
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. 2104, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address barriers that limit the ability of Island Burial Councils to regularly meet and do business.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Extends the time to fill vacancies that occur during a Council member's term;
- (2) Provides per diem compensation by stipend for the Council members appointed to represent geographic regions to help improve recruitment and retention; and
- (3) Adjusts the quorum required for Council business to a majority of the appointed Council members, but no fewer than three members.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Office of Planning

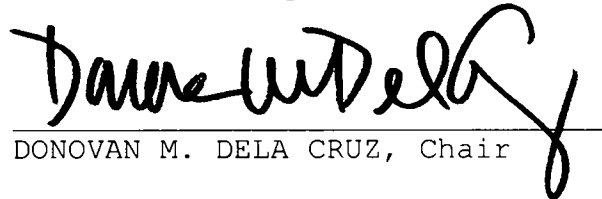


and Sustainable Development, Koolauloa Hawaiian Civic Club, Koolau Foundation, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Island Burial Councils have faced challenges to filling vacancies and maintaining the quorums necessary to hold meetings and do business. Your Committee further finds that the inability of Councils to meet on a regular and timely basis slows the permitting process for critical housing projects in the State. Your Committee believes that this measure will support the regulatory framework of chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the State's responsibility to protect burial sites, while also helping to accelerate the permitting approval process for housing and other development projects.

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. 2104, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

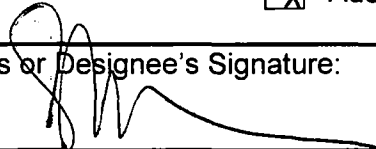
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2104, HD2, SD1	HWN, WAM	4/7/2026		
<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			
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:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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