

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3254**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2361
H.D. 1
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 Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide administrative support to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council;
- (2) Require the Chairperson of the Council to be selected by the voting members from among all voting and nonvoting members on an annual and rotating basis; and
- (3) Require the Council to meet quarterly.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (Council) was established to serve as a community-based advisory body to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) regarding the management, use, and protection of Kaneohe Bay.



Your Committee believes that the Council's capabilities may be further strengthened through the direct administrative support of the Department, and through increasing the frequency of the Council's meetings and autonomy in the selection of the Chairperson of the Council. This measure will improve the operations and leadership of the Council, leading to greater collaboration and more publicly transparent management of the State's natural and cultural resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land,
Culture and the Arts,

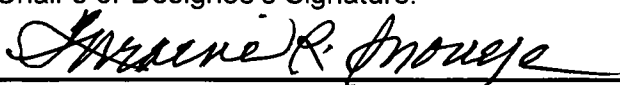


CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2361 HD1	WLA, WAM	3-23-2026		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes