

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3231**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 30 2026**

RE: H.B. No. 2498  
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 Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2498, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to establish a Central Oahu Care Home Community Resilience Pilot Program to assist eligible care home facilities to implement structural and operational resilience improvements; and
- (2) Require a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Navian Hawaii, Hawaii Insurers Council, Aloha Independent Living Hawaii, and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.

Your Committee finds that aging care homes in Central Oahu, serving seniors, people with disabilities, and medically fragile individuals are highly vulnerable to natural hazards, such as hurricanes, extreme heat, wildfire smoke, and prolonged utility outages. Strengthening the physical and operational resilience of




care homes directly contributes to safeguarding the lives and health of these vulnerable groups. By requiring and appropriating funds for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to establish a Central Oahu Care Home Community Resilience Pilot Program, this measure preserves the well-being and safety of the State's most vulnerable during natural disasters and other emergencies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2055, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2498, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2498, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety and  
Military Affairs,

  
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CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2498 HD2	PSM, WAM	3/23/26		
<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
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
LEE, Chris (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				✓
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <span style="float:right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">[Signature]</span>				
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