

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2576  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2576, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to clarify and streamline background check requirements for healthcare facility applicants, operators, and direct patient access employees.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the exemption from the fingerprint-based background check requirement to include state-licensed individuals who have previously submitted fingerprints for a background check as a condition of their licensure and



the background check performed was comparable to that required by the Department of Health, rather than exempting only those individuals who will be working or volunteering at a licensed hospital and submitted fingerprints as a condition of their licensure;


- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2026; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2576, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2576, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



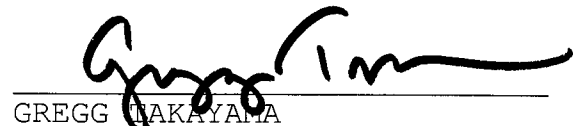
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JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA  
Chair



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KARL RHOADS  
Co-Chair



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GREGG NAKAYAMA  
Co-Chair



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DAVID A. TARNAS  
Co-Chair



**Record of Votes of a  
Conference Committee**

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A., Chr.	✓				TAKAYAMA, Gregg, Co-Chr.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓				TARNAS, David A., Co-Chr.	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓				KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.	✓			
					ALCOS III, David		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>

A = Aye      WR = Aye with Reservations      N = Nay      E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 
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