

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3014

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2298
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2298, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require cooperative housing corporation proxy forms to include certain language related to the selection options for proxies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Council of Community Associations.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Community Associations Institute Legislative Action Committee.

Your Committee finds that confusing or misleading proxy forms in common interest communities may result in owners unintentionally or incorrectly surrendering their voting power. Lack of clarity in proxy designation contributes to unnecessary disputes, challenges to election outcomes, and delayed meetings due to quorum issues. Requiring proxy forms to include clear, standardized options ensures owners are able to make informed choices and that proxies accurately reflect owner intent. This measure therefore improves transparency and legitimacy in the operation of common interest communities.



Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that the shareholder, rather than the owner, may make indications in a standard proxy form.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2298, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2298, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2298 SD1	Committee Referral: CPN, JDC	Date: 2/27/26		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
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