

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2322**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2363

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2363 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COUNTIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the counties to close public lands when necessary to protect public health, ensure public safety, or preserve natural or cultural resources.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department Land and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, and Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committees find that as the counties manage and control public lands within their jurisdictions, clear local authority is necessary to address any issues that can be a threat or hazard to public safety. County agencies frequently encounter situations where immediate action is required to keep the public safe, maintain culturally significant sites, or protect fragile ecosystems. This measure will clarify county authority and provide an additional tool to manage public access during unsafe conditions, which is critical to protect the health and safety of residents and visitors.

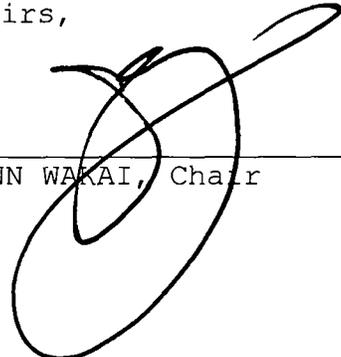


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Safety and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2363 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Safety and Military Affairs,



CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2363	Committee Referral: EIG/PSM, JDL	Date: 2/10/2026		
<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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"></div>				
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<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
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	x			
LEE, Chris (VC)	x			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	x			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				x
DECORTE, Samantha	x			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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