

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2792

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2398
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 Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2398, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UTILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require county boards of water supply to publicly disclose general information of service connection availability for residential permitting and construction through their websites.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Avalon Development LLC, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, and Hawai'i YIMBY.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply and one individual.

Your Committee finds that reliable access to water is fundamental for residential housing development. However, there can be occurrences in the State where projects advance through the planning and early permitting stages then encounter previously undisclosed water infrastructure limitations that can delay or halt housing development. This measure would support the development of housing in the State by providing certainty for



housing developers to ensure they are able to focus resources on viable housing projects.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to require county boards of water supply to include in disclosures their present inventory of certain developer-funded improvements; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2398, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2398, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele				✓
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Carol Fukunaga

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