

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2354

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2414

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2414 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISABILITY AND
COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Disability and Communication Access Board to study the health care communication needs of patients who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf-blind and submit a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency, Disability and Communication Access Board, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, and six individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State faces a growing number of hard of hearing residents amid its aging population with tens of thousands already affected statewide. Your Committee further finds that hearing loss significantly impacts health outcomes and quality of life. This measure requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to study the communication needs of deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deaf blind individuals to provide



direction, identify current resources, and identify gaps in the State's health care system.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2414 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health and Human
Services,

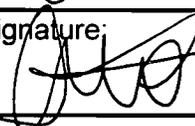


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2414	HHS, WAM	2/13/26		
<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 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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes