

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2699

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 23 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2442
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACTS BY THE JUDICIARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure the continuity of services for the most vulnerable individuals and families involved in the justice system.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, requires certain contracts awarded to community-based organizations by the Judiciary to be:
 - (A) For a term of multiple years; and
 - (B) Adjusted annually for inflation; and
- (2) Appropriates moneys to the Judiciary to increase contract prices under certain existing contracts for services provided by community-based organizations.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Parents and Children Together; Hawaii Substance Abuse



Coalition; Hina Mauka; Child and Family Service; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Ku'ikahi Mediation Center; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Aloha United Way; Domestic Violence Action Center; Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Hale Kipa, Inc.; Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii; Partners in Development Foundation; True Cost Coalition; Maui Behavioral Health Resources; and two individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that community-based organizations provide essential services for victims of domestic violence, court-involved youth, individuals navigating civil legal processes, and other vulnerable populations. Your Committee further finds that, while costs incurred by these community-based organizations have increased significantly during the past decade, government contract rates have remained stagnant. Accordingly, the moneys appropriated and contractual protections offered by this measure will help ensure the continued delivery of essential services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

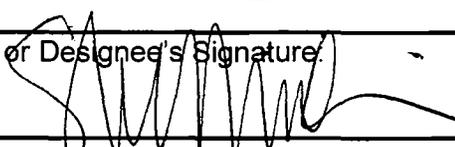
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2442 S01	Committee Referral: JDC, WAM	Date: 02/19/2026		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11	0	0	2
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