

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2700

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 23 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2485  
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. 2485, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a temporary working group in the Office of the Governor to inform policies and programs to reduce solid waste.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Board of Water Supply, Energy Justice Network, Hawaii Farmers Union, and Simonpietri Enterprises.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from Reworld.

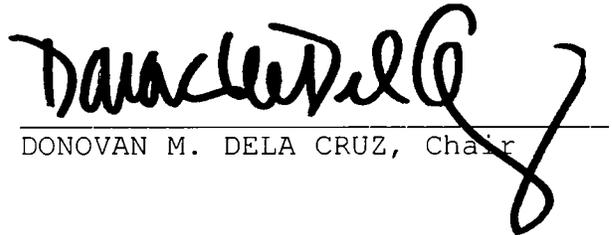
Your Committee finds that the permit for the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill in Kapolei is set to expire in 2028. Your Committee further finds that the City and County of Honolulu has not yet secured an alternative site for a new landfill. Your Committee recognizes that failing to establish a new landfill could force further expansion of the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, and that there is a pressing need to reduce the volume of waste that is produced. Accordingly, your Committee finds that by informing policies that help to reduce solid waste statewide, this measure will help limit the State's need for new landfills.

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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. 2485, 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

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB2485 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>02/19/2026</b>		
<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			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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