

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2061**-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10, 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2543
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2543, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a five-year Office of the State Construction Manager Pilot Program to provide guidance and recommendations on the design review of certain state construction projects administered by the Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Education, with fees assessed to state agencies that receive assistance;
- (2) Require the Office to assign employees to certain county agencies to review and approve permit applications under the Pilot Program;
- (3) Establish the Design Review Special Fund, to be funded by fees collected from assisted state agencies; and
- (4) Appropriate funds for the Pilot Program and necessary positions.

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Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Department of Education; Hawaii Iron Workers Stabilization Fund; MK Advocacy Group, LLC; and Onipa'a Consulting Group, LLC. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu and the Legislative Advocacy Committee of the American Institute of Architects, Hawai'i State Council.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2543, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



CHRIS TODD, Chair



