

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2906

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 6 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2552
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. 2552, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ACCOUNT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to assist first-time homebuyers in the State.

More specifically, this measure increases the maximum annual deduction for contributions into, and maximum account levels for, individual housing accounts, to more accurately reflect current housing prices.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a member of the Maui County Council, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Hawaii Association of REALTORS, Holomua Collaborative, Housing Hawaii's Future, and Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation.

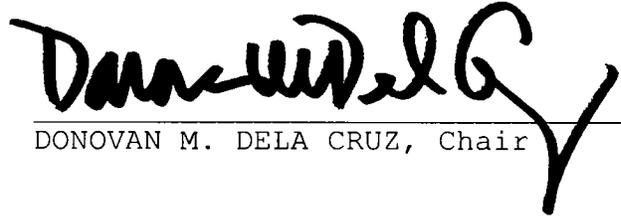
Your Committee finds that the affordable housing crisis continues to be one of the State's most significant and challenging social problems and a critical issue for many Hawaii



residents. Your Committee also finds that saving for a downpayment on a home loan continues to be a barrier for many Hawaii residents, with few programs available to assist in this endeavor. Your Committee notes that contributions to an individual housing account, under section 235-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, reduces taxable income, which incentivizes first-time homeownership through saving for a downpayment and closing costs. The changes made by this measure will further support homebuyers and help to address the State's affordable housing challenges.

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. 2552, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

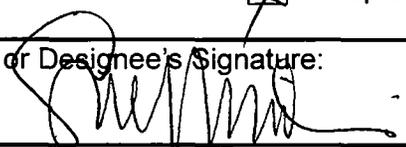
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB2552, SD1	HOV, WAM	3/3/2026
<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	12	0
0	0	1
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
Distribution:		
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