

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10, 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2601
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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. 2601, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend criminal penalties under the Hawaii Public Procurement Code by providing that a person who intentionally violates the Code is subject to prosecution for a misdemeanor in cases of egregious violations of the Code;
- (2) Ensure that awarded contracts are supported by sufficient appropriations by providing that if a contract amount exceeds fifteen percent of an available balance of an appropriation, the contract will not be binding unless approved by the Chief Procurement Officer; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the State Procurement Office to carry out this measure, including for positions.



Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

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. 2601, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



