

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2386**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2635
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2635, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN
HOME LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the development
or purchase of land or units, for mortgage or rental subsidies,
and other services necessary to address the waiting list.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Ko'olau Foundation, and
four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Hawaiian Home
Lands' ability to develop new homestead communities depends on its
funding and is on track to expend the full amount of the
\$600,000,000 provided in Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.
Your Committee further finds that the Department of Hawaiian Home
Lands requires additional funds to continue to manage its
homestead program. This measure will allow the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands to continue to serve its beneficiaries and
fulfill its trust obligations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting an effective date of September 9, 2129, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2635, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2635, S.D. 2, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,


HERBERT M. RICHARDS, III, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2635 SDI	HWN, WAM	2/17/26		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (C)	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele (VC)				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes