

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2351**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2657
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Health and Human Services,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2657 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND
RELATED DEMENTIAS RESEARCH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research Center of Hawai'i within the University of Hawai'i;
- (2) Require the Research Center to be administratively affiliated with the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine;
- (3) Require the John A. Burns School of Medicine, Research Center, University of Hawai'i Center on Aging, and University of Hawai'i at Manoa to identify opportunities to capitalize on collaboration between the parties and maximize operational efficiencies;
- (4) Require the Research Center to submit annual reports to the Legislature; and
- (5) Appropriate funds.



Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency, Alzheimer's Association, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, Alzheimer's Caregiving & The Caregivers, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, AARP Hawai'i, and nine individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committees find that Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are among the most pressing health challenges of the modern era and disproportionately affect the State's aging population. Despite the growing prominence of this public health issue, the State currently lacks the foundational infrastructure necessary to compete for federal awards for dementia related research and development activities. Your Committees further find that the State's unique demographic composition, particularly its large Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, presents an unparalleled opportunity to advance research that reflects genetic, cultural, and environmental factors not studied elsewhere. This measure will establish a coordinated research structure to support the development of more effective, culturally tailored interventions for residents affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a blank appropriation amount; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

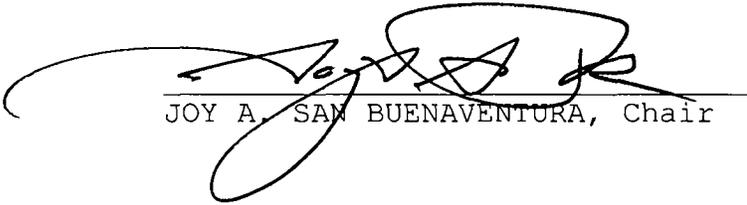
Your Committees note that although this measure, as amended, contains an unspecified appropriation amount, should your Committee on Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committees respectfully request that it consider inserting an appropriate amount for the establishment of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research Center of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the



intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2657, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Education and Health and Human Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2657	Committee Referral: EDU/HHS, WAM	Date: 02/11/2026		
<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 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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
DECORTE, Samantha	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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