

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2836

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 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 Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to advance scientific research on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research Center of Hawaii as an organized research unit within the University of Hawaii; and
- (2) Appropriates moneys for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research Center of Hawaii, including the establishment of two full-time equivalent positions.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency, Disability and Communication Access Board, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Primary Care Association, AARP Hawaii, LeadingAge Pacific West, Alzheimer's Association - Hawaii, and nine individuals.

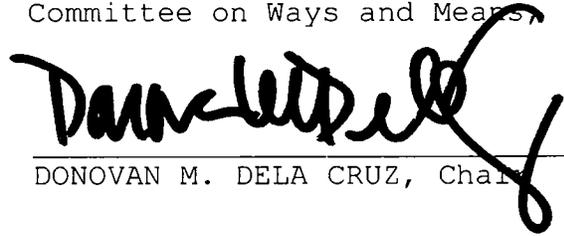


Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the University of Hawaii, Executive Office on Aging, and The Queen's Health Systems.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's unique demographic composition, including significant Asian American and Pacific Islander populations, presents an opportunity to conduct dementia research that reflects genetic, cultural, and environmental factors distinct from those studied at mainland research centers. Your Committee believes that the research supported by this measure will fill critical gaps in scientific knowledge and inform culturally tailored interventions.

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. 2657, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

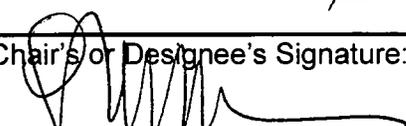


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2657, SDI	EDU/HHS, 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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