

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2298

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2668

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2668 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to issue supplemental contracts to community-based organizations to address increases in costs related to labor, insurance, utilities, rent, and gas.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Parents and Children Together; Hale Kipa; The Hawai'i True Cost Coalition; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hina Mauka; Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Domestic Violence Action Center; Goodwill Hawaii; Adult Friends for Youth; Partners in Development Foundation; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; Hawai'i Community Foundation; AlohaCare; Lanakila Pacific; Aloha United Way; and six individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that the cost of doing business in the State has risen dramatically, while state contract funding has not kept pace. Your Committee further finds that many community-based



organizations are facing unprecedented increases in labor costs; insurance premiums; and costs for utilities, rent, and fuel. This measure helps to preserve community-based organizations' capacity to deliver essential human services to the State's residents.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2668 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2668	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 2/4/2026		
<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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes