

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2649

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2777
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 Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2777 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require property insurers to disclose certain information regarding payment of claims for the previous year to the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (2) Require the Insurance Division to retain and make the information publicly available; and
- (3) Establish penalties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Insurers Council and National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies.



Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that the cost of property insurance continues to increase in the State, in part due to climate change and climate-related impacts. This measure would provide consumers in the State with access to more information to inform property insurance policy purchasing decisions.

Your Committee acknowledges the concerns raised in testimony by the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs that establishing a separate claims disclosure requirement in the State may result in duplicative reporting obligations and additional administrative burdens.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required any insurer operating in the State that provides property insurance as defined in section 431:1-206, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to submit annual disclosures containing certain information to the Insurance Commissioner;
- (2) Inserting language to require that any insurer authorized to do business in the State that sells, solicits, or offers coverage under a policy for insurance against loss of or damage to real property shall provide certain annual information relating to policies covering commercial or residential real property, or both, within the State to:
 - (A) The person or persons to whom any offer to sell or renew insurance is made;
 - (B) Concurrently with the offer to sell or renew; and
 - (C) In a manner that is clearly and conspicuously displayed;
- (3) Deleting language that would have required the Insurance Commissioner to specify the form of, retain for a certain period of time, make available on request, and



publish certain information required to be disclosed by an insurer;

- (4) Clarifying that an authorized insurer in violation of the disclosure requirement shall be fined not more than \$1,000 per violation;
- (5) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (6) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2777, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2777, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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SB2777	CPN, WAM	2/17/2026		
<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
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	3	0	1	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Carol Fukunaga</i>				
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