

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2345

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2803

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. 2803 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Human Services to submit a plan for the consolidation of the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions and Homeless Programs Office under a single centralized entity;
- (2) Require reports to the Legislature by the consolidated entity;
- (3) Appropriate funds; and
- (4) Authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the Kauhale Initiative and related capital improvement projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Community Services of the City and County of Honolulu, Rainbow Family 808, and three individuals.



Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions.

Your Committee finds that homelessness remains a critical and complex issue requiring coordinated housing, health, and supportive services across multiple programs. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Human Services administers multiple homelessness programs that would benefit from improved accountability, coordination, and strategic use of public resources under a single centralized entity. This measure strengthens oversight, promotes data-driven policymaking, and supports continued investment in initiatives and capital improvements to reduce homelessness statewide.

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. 2803 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 2803	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 2/13/2026		
<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**