

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2749

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2809

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. 2809 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUDGET-RELATED REPORTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the relevance and accuracy of certain budget-related reports.

Specifically, this measure requires the Governor to ensure that the Governor's program memoranda and variance reports accurately reflect the current responsibilities of state programs, address the current and future needs of the State, and align with budget-related submittals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

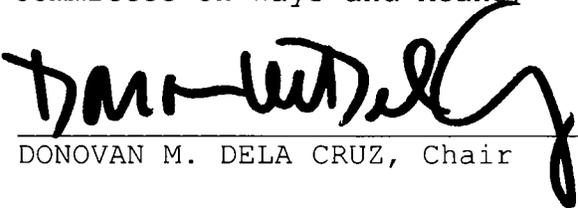
Your Committee finds that ensuring that the data in budget-related reports is accurate will allow the Legislature to confirm that state programs are using public money efficiently and effectively. Your Committee further finds that designating the Governor as the official who must ensure the accuracy of reported data will increase accountability in state budgeting.

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. 2809 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

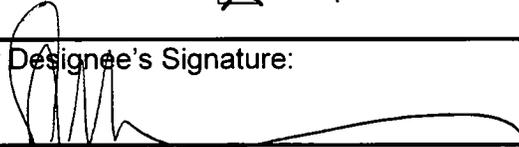
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means.


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2809	Committee Referral: GVO, WAM	Date: 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
TOTAL	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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