

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2605

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2918
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 Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2918 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Hawaii Community Development Authority to establish a Community Action Center in Chinatown with the expenditure contingent upon the City and County of Honolulu providing matching funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from six individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Your Committee finds that Chinatown is the historic urban core of Honolulu and is in dire need of revitalization. Your Committee believes that creating a Community Action Center charged with organizing community, researching conditions, and developing a strategic implementation plan is needed. This measure will strengthen Chinatown's economy, public safety, and cultural heritage as well as capitalize on transit-oriented development and related opportunities.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee notes the concerns expressed by the Hawaii Community Development Authority that the City and County of Honolulu should be the government entity to determine if a community action center is a priority and to carry it out rather than the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Accordingly, your Committee respectfully requests that subsequent Committees to which this measure is referred consider this issue.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2918, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2918, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land,
Culture and the Arts,

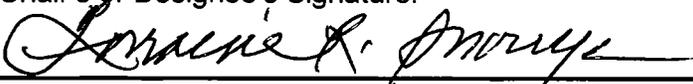


CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2918	Committee Referral: WLA, WAM	Date: 2-18-2026		
<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
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)		✓		
CHANG, Stanley				✓
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	3	1		1
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