

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2381**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2987
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2987 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIGHT POLLUTION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish outdoor light fixture requirements throughout the State beginning July 1, 2027.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, University of Hawai'i System, The Outdoor Circle, Maunakea Observatories, DesignLights Consortium, and two individuals.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Transportation Association; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; and Young Brothers, LLC.

Your Committees find that light pollution threatens the State's globally unique resource that is its night sky. Preserving the dark night sky is vitally important to astronomy



and other scientific research, native wildlife, Native Hawaiian cultural practices, public health, and education. Consistent lighting standards have become increasingly important as coastal development causes the expansion of nighttime illumination throughout the State. This measure reduces energy waste and safeguards the natural environment and quality of life for residents.

Your Committees acknowledge the concerns raised in testimony by local businesses that the outdoor light fixture requirements of this measure would conflict with workplace safety and productivity for many commercial ports, which operate twenty-four hours a day and require sufficient lighting to comply with regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Therefore, amendments to this measure are necessary to address this matter.

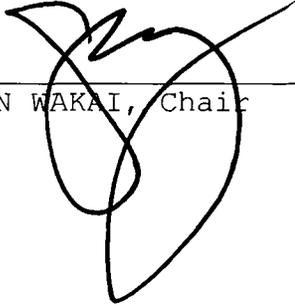
Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Exempting outdoor light fixtures for airports, highways, and commercial harbors from the requirements of the measure;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2987, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2987, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development and Tourism and
Energy and Intergovernmental
Affairs,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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