

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2756

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 05 2026**

RE: S.B. No. 3022  
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3022, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CULTURE AND ARTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Hawaii Leadership Awards Program to honor individuals who have made considerable and outstanding contributions to the State and serve as an inspiration to others.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, and City and County of Honolulu Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Aloha Order of Merit was established to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions in a field and achieved national or international recognition for work that has been pioneering or outstanding. Your Committee also finds that there is no equivalent honor for individuals who have made significant contributions to the State. Accordingly, your Committee finds that this measure will provide a means to recognize individuals who have made considerable and



outstanding contributions to the State in their respective fields,  
and who serve as an inspiration to others.

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. 3022, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

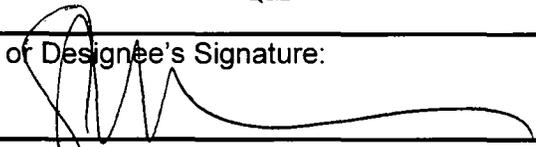
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 3022, SDI	WLA, WAM	3/13/2026		
<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
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
Original	Yellow	Pink		
File with Committee Report	Committee	Drafting Agency		

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes