

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2947

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 06 2026**

RE: S.B. No. 3103  
S.D. 2

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. 3103, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to assist eligible low-income households that are affected by high energy costs.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the Hawaii Home Energy Assistance Program within the Department of Human Services to assist eligible households with the payment of home energy costs; and
- (2) Requires the Public Benefits Fee Administrator of the Public Utilities Commission to provide recipients of assistance from the program with information and support to enhance home efficiency and reduce electricity costs.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Public Utilities Commission; City and County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; County of Kauai; Kauai Island



Utility Cooperative; Hawaiian Electric; Catholic Charities Hawaii; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Imua Alliance; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the current federal program for assistance to low-income households for energy costs fails to meet the needs of Hawaii's vulnerable residents. The federal program's funding formula favors states having high heating needs while ignoring electricity price differences and Hawaii's unique energy challenges. Your Committee notes that the need for a state home energy assistance program is urgent, and as more families face disconnection from electricity services, the gap between federal assistance and need continues to widen.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 3103, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3103, S.D. 2.

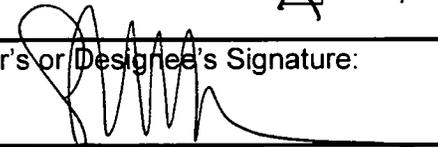
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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.:* <b>SB3103, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HHS/CPN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>03/04/2020</b>		
<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				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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