

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2288

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3132  
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 Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 3132 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require hospitals with emergency departments that are licensed in the State to submit syndromic surveillance data to the Department of Health; and
- (2) Authorize the Department of Health to establish a syndromic surveillance system under state jurisdiction that is independent of federal systems.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, State Health Planning and Development Agency, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Pew Charitable Trusts, and one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.



Your Committee finds that syndromic surveillance is the analysis of health-related data from events that affect health status and outcomes for public health purposes, which is critical to enable public health officials to detect and respond to health threats and disease trends. The effectiveness of syndromic surveillance systems has been demonstrated in the State in a variety of events, including wildfires, volcanic eruptions, and disease outbreaks. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Health currently relies largely on a federally administered syndromic surveillance system where participation is voluntary. This voluntary participation leaves gaps, especially in rural areas, and limits the State's ability to tailor analyses to local needs and disparities. This measure will allow the State to operate independently of federal syndromic surveillance systems to detect threats earlier, respond faster, and direct guidance and resources where they are most needed.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3132, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3132, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health and Human  
Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health and Human Services**  
**HHS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 3132</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HHS, JDC/WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/6/2026</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				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo				✓
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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