

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2454

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3218
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 Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3218 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BONDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to conform state law concerning county debt limits to permit counties to exclude housing infrastructure growth bonds from the debt limit of the counties, if a constitutional amendment authorizing the use of housing infrastructure growth bonds and excluding housing infrastructure growth bonds from determinations of the counties' funded debt is ratified.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Stadium Authority; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Community Development Authority; Pacific Resource Partnership; D.R. Horton Hawaii; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Gentry Companies; Castle & Cooke Homes Hawai'i, Inc.; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters; and Kobayashi Group.

Your Committee finds that infrastructure financing is one of the biggest barriers to affordable housing development in the State. While a proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the counties to issue housing infrastructure growth bonds and exclude

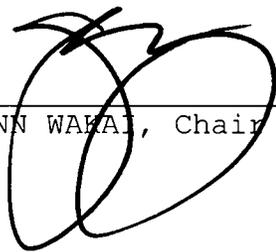


those bonds from county debt limit calculations has been proposed to address this barrier, conforming amendments to the Hawaii Revised Statutes will be necessary to implement the housing policy objectives of that measure. Housing infrastructure growth bonds facilitate the construction of housing infrastructure and are therefore an integral part of all projected housing developments statewide. This measure will operationalize the State's strategy to accelerate housing development, particularly in transit-oriented development areas and other priority growth areas.

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 Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3218, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3218, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy and
Intergovernmental Affairs,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:* SB3218 | Committee Referral: EIG, WAM | Date: 2/17/26 | | |
| <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 |
| WAKAI, Glenn (C) | ✓ | | | |
| CHANG, Stanley (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| DECOITE, Lynn | | | | ✓ |
| RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" | | | | ✓ |
| FEVELLA, Kurt | ✓ | | | |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: | | | | |
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