

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2306**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3228
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 Economic Development and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 3228 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A SUSTAINABLE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Sustainable Tourism Infrastructure Matching Grant Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support one-time capital investments that advance measurable sustainability and climate resilience outcomes within the State's visitor industry;
- (2) Require annual reports to the Legislature; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that environmental stewardship is a core economic imperative for the State because the health of natural assets is inseparable from the success of the visitor economy. The long-term resilience of the tourism industry is increasingly



threatened by climate-related risks to energy, water, transportation, and coastal assets. This measure will support economic stability by advancing measurable sustainability and climate resilience outcomes in the visitor industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 Economic Development and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3228, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3228, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development and Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 3228	EDT. WAM	2/10/28		
<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
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓	✓		
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
TOTAL	2	2	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes