

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2746

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3233
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. 3233, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support Hawaii's agricultural workforce by incorporating agricultural workforce housing as a scored public benefit within existing state evaluation and decision-making processes.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires any state agency administering agricultural leases, licenses, development programs, or procurements involving agricultural products to award additional points and preferences to projects that voluntarily provide agricultural workforce housing; and
- (2) Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the 2027 Regular Session on the implementation, challenges, and potential expansion of the incentive scoring provisions established by this measure.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Agribusiness Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Hawaii Farmers Union, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that access to safe, affordable housing for agricultural workers is fundamental to maintaining a stable and reliable food supply. Farmworkers face significant housing shortages, living space overcrowding, and long work commutes due to limited available and affordable housing stock. By incentivizing reliable and proximate agricultural workforce housing this measure will not only directly help agricultural workers and producers but will also have additional benefits for the general public by helping to secure a sustainable food supply, ease traffic congestion, and support local communities.

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. 3233, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

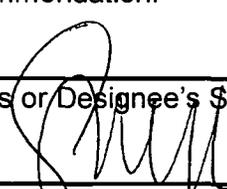
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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<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
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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