

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2838**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3254
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. 3254, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to strengthen the resilience of medically underserved communities across the State.

Specifically, this measure appropriates moneys as grants pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes:

- (1) For the development and deployment of solar-plus-storage microgrids at nonprofit community health centers located in medically underserved communities across the State; and
- (2) To the Hawaii Primary Care Association to provide programmatic, project management, contract management, reporting and fiscal stewardship, and planning for the projects described in paragraph (1).

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Waimanalo Health Center, 350 Hawaii, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hana Health, and two individuals.



Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Collective Energy.

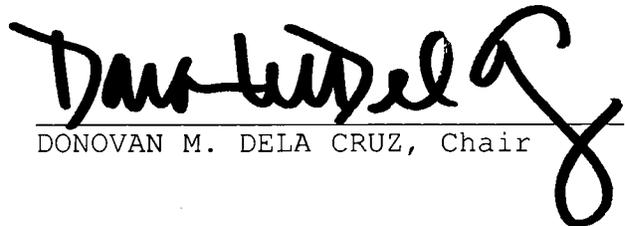
Your Committee finds that rising energy costs and increasing risks of power disruptions threaten the ability of nonprofit community health centers to sustain operations and deliver critical services, particularly during disasters and emergencies. Your Committee further finds that deploying solar power microgrids with energy storage in medically underserved areas would help to ensure continuity of health care services during power outages, reduce long-term operating costs, and strengthen community health and resilience.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the moneys appropriated as a grant pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Hawaii Primary Care Association shall be used to provide certain support and services for the development and deployment of solar-plus-storage microgrids at nonprofit community health centers located in medically underserved communities across the State; and
- (2) Changing the amounts appropriated throughout the measure to unspecified amounts 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. 3254, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3254, S.D. 2.

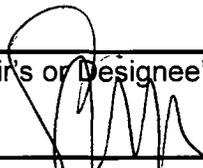
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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SB 3254, SD1	HHS, WAM	3/3/2026		
<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
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:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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