

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2409

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2603

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 2603 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require any report of a study or an audit enacted with a legislative appropriation and conducted by an executive department or agency, including the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and by the Legislative Reference Bureau, Auditor, Judiciary, or Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to be submitted to the Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, chairs of the appropriate subject matter committee of each house, and the Legislative Reference Bureau library; and
- (2) Require a public hearing or informational briefing within one year of receipt of report, except if an extension is granted or the requirement is waived by the Senate President or Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Common Cause Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on



this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that every year laws and resolutions are enacted that require new studies and audits of various state government departments or agencies. Despite the expenditure of valuable time and resources by various departments and agencies to conduct and complete these studies and audits the resultant report is often not widely reviewed by the Legislature or public and can sometimes go completely unnoticed despite the fact that these reports can contain valuable information. Therefore, your Committee finds that mandating a public hearing or informational briefing which would facilitate discussion and analysis of the report findings and recommendations would better serve the public interest and satisfy legislative intent. However, your Committee recognizes that for certain types of audits, specifically financial and regularly occurring audits, there is already sufficient action being taken to keep members of the Legislature sufficiently informed.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to require report of a study or an audit adopted by concurrent resolution to be submitted to the Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, chairs of the appropriate subject matter committee of each house, and the Legislative Reference Bureau library; and
- (2) Exempting financial and other regularly occurring audits from the proposed submission requirements.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2603, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2603, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Government Operations
GVO

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2603	Committee Referral: GVO, NAM	Date: 2/8/18		
<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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
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