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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

**S.B. NO. 2603, S.D. 1, RELATING TO GOVERNMENT  
ACCOUNTABILITY**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 10:10 a.m.

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The Office of the Auditor **supports the intent** of S.B. No. 2603, S.D. 1, which requires a public hearing or information briefing on certain audit reports and studies enacted with an appropriation or adopted by concurrent resolution within one year of the receipt of the report or study. We also **offer the following comments**.

We agree that discussion and analysis of report findings and recommendations would better serve the public interest. Further discussion and review of these reports/studies would provide greater transparency, facilitate discussion with relevant committees and the public (especially where a report/study generates further questions), and allow agencies the opportunity to share their perspective on the findings and recommendations.

Our Office will defer to the Legislature to determine when and/or how those discussions are best effectuated. As always, we will continue to provide our reports to all members of the Legislature and remain willing to brief the Legislature on any report issued by our Office.

Thank you for considering our testimony related to S.B. No. 2603, S.D. 1.



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TESTIMONY / SUPPORT  
Corie Tanida, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

**Common Cause Hawaii supports SB2603 SD1** which would require any report of a study or an audit enacted with a legislative appropriation and conducted by an executive department or agency to be submitted to various persons at the legislature and would require a public hearing or informational briefing within one year of the receipt of the report or audit.

While these reports and studies often contain vital information, it is difficult to gain access to these documents. Requiring a wider distribution of these reports and a public hearing or informational briefing, will help to increase accountability and the public's access to information.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony **supporting SB2603 SD1**.