

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 241

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1526  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1526 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extend the lapse date for funds appropriated out of the Drug and Alcohol Toxicology Testing Laboratory Special Fund for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 for the establishment and maintenance of a drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kaua'i, Hawai'i Police Department, and one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committees find that a dedicated toxicology testing facility is essential for effective law enforcement operations, particularly in addressing driving under the influence, workplace incidents, and other situations requiring precise toxicology



analysis. The laboratory established by this measure will reduce dependencies on external testing facilities, potentially decreasing processing times and costs while maintaining chain of custody standards crucial for law enforcement purposes. Establishing consistent testing standards and procedures will significantly improve the quality and reliability of evidence in criminal investigations and prosecutions.

Your Committees find that this measure is crucial for enhancing the State's capability to conduct timely and accurate drug and alcohol testing, directly impacting law enforcement operations and public safety. Extending the funding timeline until June 30, 2028, ensures adequate time for establishing and implementing the laboratory infrastructure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1526, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1526, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Transportation  
and Culture and the Arts and  
Health and Human Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



CHRIS LEE, Chair



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**Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts**  
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**HHS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 1526</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">TCA/HHS, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/7/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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