

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 15, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2595

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2595 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY VISITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen the relationship between inmates and family members by restricting the Department of Public Safety from canceling pre-approved and pre-scheduled family visits with inmates.

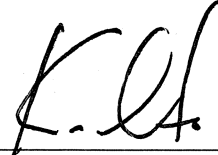
The Community Alliance on Prisons, A Woman's Voice International, and several concerned citizens supported this bill. The Department of Public Safety testified that it did not support this measure.

Your Committee finds that families are a valuable resource to offenders during their incarceration. In addition, the support of family members plays a key role in an offender's rehabilitation, transition, and successful re-entry into the community.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2595 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety &  
Military Affairs,



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KEN ITO, Chair



