

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 1311
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 1311, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF CONVICTED DEFENDANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize a three-year pilot project that allows the Judiciary to assume supervision and control over inmates in correctional facilities who qualify for the drug court program.

The Judiciary, Community Alliance on Prisons, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Public Safety and the Office of the Public Defender did not support the bill. The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney offered comments.

Your Committee believes that rehabilitation programs aimed at preparing incarcerated individuals for life in the "real world" are critical to the well being of the community.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

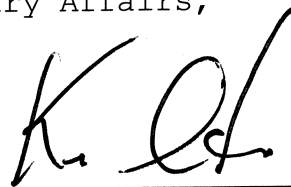
- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and



- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 1311, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1311, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



KEN ITO, Chair



