

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2688  
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 Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2688, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve services at Hawaii Youth Correctional Facilities (HYCF) by:

- (1) Requiring the implementation of policies, procedures, protocols, and a quality assurance program to ensure adequate HYCF staff training and standards;
- (2) Providing for comprehensive assessments of all persons committed to HYCF; and
- (3) Revising the duties and responsibilities of regional advisory boards.

The Hawaii Juvenile Justice Project and Hawaii Youth Services Network testified in support of this bill. The Office of Youth Services supported the intent of this measure.



Your Committee has amended this bill by deleting its contents and replacing it with provisions to enhance the delivery of juvenile justice services. As amended, this bill establishes the Hawaii Juvenile Justice Commission within the Department of Human Services to oversee HYCF and the Office of Youth Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2688, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2688, 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 Human Services,



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ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



