

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 824

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 Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred S.B. No. 824 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve public safety by converting the positions of the two part-time members of the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) to full-time positions to accommodate an increased workload.

HPA and the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu testified in support of this bill.

Your Committees find that HPA's workload has increased eight-fold over the last 25 years because of the increase in incarceration rates. Currently, HPA effectively functions as a part-time body because only the chairperson of HPA is a full-time member. As a result, proper deliberation can be very difficult when HPA reviews cases and makes decisions that are vital to public safety.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

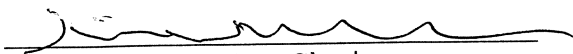
- (1) Leaving blank the salary ranges for the chairperson and two members;



- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 824, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 824, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Public Safety &  
Military Affairs and Labor &  
Public Employment,

  
KIRK CALDWELL, Chair

  
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