

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2688
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
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 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure adequate youth correctional facility staff training and to revise the duties and responsibilities of regional advisory boards.

Specifically, this measure requires the Executive Director of Youth Services to implement policies and procedures, protocols, and a quality assurance program that comport with national best practices in juvenile justice to ensure that the staff at the Hawaii youth correctional facility is adequately trained in key areas. These areas include suicide prevention, the proper use of force, and working with children with special needs, mental health disorders, substance abuse issues, or a combination thereof.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure from Blueprint for Change, the Hawaii Juvenile Justice Project, and Hawaii Youth Services Network. The Office of Youth Services and the Department of the Attorney General submitted comments regarding this measure.

Your Committee finds that the State and the United States Department of Justice have executed a Memorandum of Agreement regarding improvements to bring the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility into federal compliance.



Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure to include a caveat that nothing in this measure is intended to require the Department of Human Services or the Office of Youth Services to take any action that conflicts with any provision of the foregoing Memorandum of Agreement.

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, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2688, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

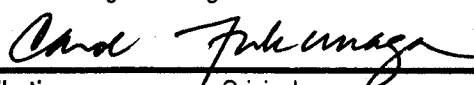
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Human Services
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2688	HMS, JHW	2/9/06
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is to:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)		
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓	
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)		
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓	
HOOSER, Gary L.	✓	
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓	
TRIMBLE, Gordon		
TOTAL	4	2
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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