

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2945
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2945 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL CENTER AND FACILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to construct an additional women's correctional center and facility to meet the current and projected needs of female inmates.

Your Committee finds that the number of women incarcerated in Hawaii is growing at a faster rate than incarcerated men. The female inmate population grew thirty-two per cent from 2001 to 2004, and the number of female parole violators rose thirty per cent during the same period. This growing female inmate population has placed a serious burden on the State's women's prison, which has lead to overcrowding problems and difficult living conditions for female inmates.

The women's prison also suffers from:

- (1) Canceled programs caused by lock-downs due to lack of space;
- (2) Inadequate staffing, due to the growing inmate population; and



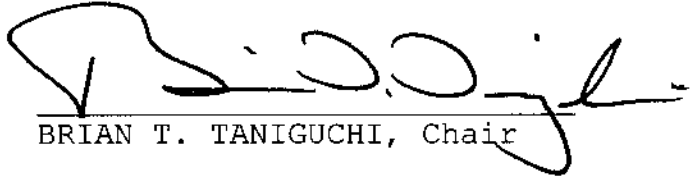
- (3) Deteriorating facilities, including inoperable toilets and plumbing and faulty or damaged electrical wiring.

This bill would provide the funds necessary to alleviate the problems associated with an antiquated and overcrowded correctional facility by providing new, reasonable accommodations to female inmates.

Your Committee has amended the bill by making technical amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2945, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2945, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2945	Committee Referral: JHW, WAM	Date: 2/24/06		
<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)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			✖ 51
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
SLOM, Sam			/	
TRIMBLE, Gordon			/	
TOTAL	10	0	2	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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