

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

673

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 624

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 624 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAROLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enable the Hawaii Paroling Authority (Authority) to achieve its mission of providing meaningful opportunities for offenders to reintegrate into society and demonstrate that they have the potential to function as law-abiding citizens by granting the Authority the ability to parole committed persons to a county in the state where the committed person has the greatest family or community support; opportunities for employment; and access to job training, education, treatment, and other social services.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Community Alliance on Prisons, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Authority supported the intent of this measure. Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc., submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring a committed person to provide a written request to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) asking to be transferred to a county other than a county that has a population that exceeds 800,000;

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- (2) Providing that the Authority will determine if the county requested by the committed person does offer the greatest overall level of community and family support, as well as opportunity for and access to employment, job training, education, and other services;
- (3) Clarifying that DPS has the discretion to relocate a committed person to ensure the sequential phasing process of programs for the person is not interrupted;
- (4) Requiring that the committed person bear all expenses incurred from the transfer to a different county, including travel, lodging, and meals; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes 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 H.B. No. 624, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 624, 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,


CINDY EVANS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">HB 624</div>		Date: <div style="text-align: right;">Thursday, February 15, 2007</div>		
Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">PSM, JUD</div>		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration </div> </div>				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	✓			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	✓			
3. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
- 4. LUKE, Sylvia				✓
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
6. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
8. SONSON, Alex M.	✓			
- 9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				✓
- 10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.				✓
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
TOTAL	10	-	-	3
The recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div> </div> </div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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