

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

941

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1174
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1174, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCARCERATED PARENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the expansion of parent-child interaction programs at state correctional facilities.

Specifically, the bill appropriates funds to the Department of Public Safety to contract with community agencies to establish and implement parent-child interaction programs.

Your Committee received comments in support of the measure from: Child and Family Service, Community Alliance on Prisons, Keiki O Ka'Aina Family Learning Centers, Supporting Keiki of Incarcerated Parents (SKIP) Partnership, and four concerned individuals. One individual also submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that children of incarcerated parents suffer a multitude of negative consequences, including possible displacement from their home and separation from their primary or secondary caregiver. Children of incarcerated parents are also six times more likely to become criminal offenders themselves.

Your Committee further finds that parent-child interaction programs like SKIP strengthen families, reduce abuse and neglect

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of children of incarcerated parents, and decrease the rate of recidivism.

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. 1174, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1174 SDI	Committee Referral: PBS, WAM	Date: 2/23/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	7	0	0	4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes