

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

168

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2007

RE: S.B. No. 913  
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 Public Safety, to which was referred S.B. No. 913 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAROLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the effective reintegration of incarcerated persons into society upon their release.

Specifically, the measure allows the Hawaii Paroling Authority to parole incarcerated persons to counties in the State where they have the most community and familial support, even if that county does not meet the minimum population requirement and was not the county of the incarcerated person's permanent residence or occupation or employment prior to incarceration.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Hawaii Paroling Authority, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Community Alliance on Prisons, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc., and an individual.

Your Committee finds that allowing an incarcerated person to be paroled in the county where that person has the most familial and community support is important to the incarcerated person's successful reintegration into society, reducing the likelihood of relapsing into criminal activity, and reducing the likelihood of reincarceration. Under existing law, the committed person is limited to parole in the county where that person had a permanent

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residence or occupation or employment prior to incarceration, unless the committed person will reside in a county with a population exceeding 800,000, or will immediately leave the State. This prevents many inmates from rejoining their families and other supporters and from being able to participate in valuable reentry programs located outside of Honolulu, including the Being Empowered and Safe Together Program on Maui.

Your Committee further finds that in relocating the qualified incarcerated person to their county of most support, the incarcerated person's rehabilitation and training programs, such as work furlough, should not be interrupted. These programs are important to the incarcerated person's successful reintegration into society and the prevention of reincarceration.

Your Committee further finds that the expense of the relocation of the incarcerated person to the alternate county should be at the expense of the incarcerated person. This would be in line with current policy of relocation of a formerly incarcerated person once that person is finished with parole and ready to go back to their county of choice.

This measure was amended to provide the Department of Public Safety and the Hawaii Paroling Authority with notice and opportunity to review the incarcerated person's request, make any required adjustments to the incarcerated person's sequential phasing process, and provide that the incarcerated person be responsible for relocation expenses.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 913, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 913, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

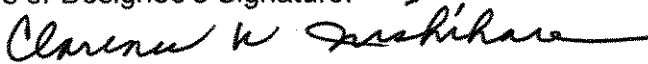
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,

  
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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 913</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PBS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/6/07</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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