

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 12, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2146  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2146 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the successful reentry of inmates back into the community upon their release from prison by requiring:

- (1) The Department of Public Safety (DPS) to establish performance indicators to ensure that DPS is in compliance with the Community Safety Act of 2007;
- (2) Monthly reports to the Legislature, using the performance indicators, such as inmate drug test failure rates, educational goals achieved, reentry plans, post-incarceration employment, victim restitution paid, and recidivism rates.

The Community Alliance on Prisons, Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. DPS opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring DPS to provide reports to the Legislature on a quarterly basis rather than monthly; and

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- (2) 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. 2146, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2146, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety &  
Military Affairs,

  
CINDY EVANS, Chair



