

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2685  
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. 2685 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure adequate support and treatment of inmates in the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) by directing the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's Office of Planning (OP) to plan and design the construction and operation of a new minimum-security facility at the site of the existing OCCC facility.

The Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council supported this bill. DPS, the Community Alliance on Prisons, and several concerned individuals opposed this measure. OP submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Directing DPS and OP to:
  - (A) Plan and design the construction and operation of a new minimum-security facility at a site with appropriate access to courts, public transportation, and other support services; and



- (B) Plan for additional community-custody beds at OCCC;
- (2) Requiring DPS to submit a report outlining the various estimated costs of implementing the mandates under this bill; and
- (3) 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. 2685, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2685, 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,

  
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CINDY EVANS, Chair



