

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3527

Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: APR 10 2008
S.C.R. No. 160
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 160, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE
REFERENCE BUREAU TO REVIEW PAROLE POLICIES IN HAWAII AND
OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH PAROLE
POLICIES IN HAWAII CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRISON POPULATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative
Reference Bureau to review and compare the parole policies of this
State with other jurisdictions in order to determine the impact of
Hawaii's parole policies on the prison population in this State.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Community Alliance on Prisons and the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i.
Comments on this measure were submitted by the Hawaii Paroling
Authority and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that parole policies aim to protect our
communities while relieving the correctional system from
overcrowding. An independent review and examination of the parole
policies in Hawaii and other jurisdictions by the Legislative
Reference Bureau would benefit the correctional system in Hawaii.

Your Committee also finds that the Hawaii Paroling Authority
has adjusted many of its policies in recent years such that the
parole policies identified in a 2005 Urban Institute study as
having an adverse impact on prison populations are not relevant in

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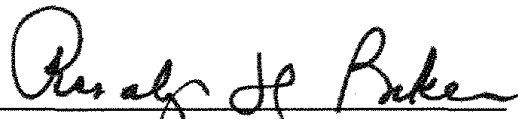
Hawaii. In addition, it is not clear that the effect of parole policies can clearly be quantified in cause and effect terms. However, objective information will assist the Legislature and the Hawaii Paroling Authority in determining to what extent Hawaii's parole policies contribute to the prison population and whether Hawaii's policies need to be further adjusted.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the reference to the 2005 Urban Institute study;
- (2) Requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau to focus its efforts on reviewing parole policies in Hawaii and other jurisdictions using specific criteria and examining parolee recidivism rates under those policies in terms of various specified demographics; and
- (3) Changing the title of the measure to reflect the change in its focus.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 160, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 160, S.D. 2.

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
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR 160, SD 1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PBS, WAM</i>	Date: <i>4/4/08</i>		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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