

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 64

S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred S.R. No. 64 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ESTABLISH AN EARNED-TIME PROGRAM THAT REDUCES THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME THAT INMATES MUST WAIT TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Public Safety to establish an earned-time program that reduces the minimum period of time that inmates must wait to become eligible for parole.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Hawaii Paroling Authority, Community Alliance on Prisons, the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i, and three individual citizens. Testimony in opposition of this measure was submitted by the Department of Public Safety and Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu.

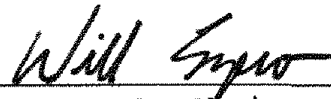
Your Committee finds that providing Hawaii inmates incarcerated in Hawaii and on the mainland with an early parole eligibility program has the benefits of reducing inmate overcrowding and increasing the inmate's likelihood of successful reintegration into the community. Your Committee also finds that in order to have a successful early parole eligibility program, the appropriate needs and criteria for the program need to be researched and analyzed before a program is established.



Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure and its title by removing the establishment of an earned-time program and instead requesting the Department of Public Safety to research and study early parole eligibility programs in other jurisdictions before establishing an earned-time program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 64, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 64, S.D. 1.

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




WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR 64	PBS	3/20/08		
<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	/			
TOTAL	3			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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