

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 399

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 19, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 334

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 334 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Public Safety (PSD) to determine the number of women inmates who are eligible for reintegration into the community and contract with gender-responsive community service providers to assist women in successfully transitioning to the community. An unspecified sum is appropriated for this purpose.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Hepatitis Network's Prisoner Reintegration Program, Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc., and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. PSD offered comments.

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 H.B. No. 334 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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



FAYE HANOZANO, Chair



