

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 159

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 11, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 409

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. 409 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Require correctional facilities, including private or out-of-state, that contract with the Department of Public Safety (PSD) to contractually agree to cooperate and participate in any investigation by the Office of the Ombudsman (Ombudsman);
- (1) Specify that the Ombudsman has the authority to investigate facilities that hold inmates from Hawaii;
- (2) Require out-of-state correctional facilities having custody over committed felons transferred from the Hawaii State Correctional System to cooperate fully with Ombudsman investigations; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Ombudsman to investigate contracted facilities.

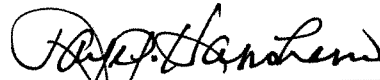
The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. PSD opposed this measure. The Ombudsman offered comments.

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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. 409 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

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



FAYE HAMOHANO, Chair



