

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 413
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 413, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the rehabilitation of nonviolent individuals with drug-related convictions through alternatives to incarceration and to help the drug-related offenders return to society by establishing and expanding drug treatment and reintegration programs.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by seven private organizations and five individuals. Testimony in opposition of this measure was submitted by one state agency. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the establishment of a community transitional program for nonviolent offenders will reduce the cost of incarceration. Your Committee believes that participation in an in-facility residential drug abuse program will decrease the likelihood of recidivism and drug abuse relapses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Replacing its contents with the contents of S.B. No. 540, S.D. 2, which is the Senate version of this program; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 413, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 413, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



