

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 20, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 519
H.D. 1

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. 519 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INMATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure:

- (1) The timely return of Hawaii inmates who are housed out of state; and
- (2) Adequate facilities to house the inmates upon their return,

by requiring the Department of Public Safety (PSD) to bring out-of-state prisoners back to Hawaii by December 31, 2015, and expand current as well as build new in-state correctional facilities. This bill also repeals the authority to transfer inmates to out-of-state facilities or to develop out-of-state correctional facilities.

The Hepatitis Prevention and Support Network of Hawaii and a concerned individual supported this bill. A concerned individual supported this measure with amendments PSD, the Community Alliance on Prisons, and the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

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- (1) Changing its effective dates to July 1, 2025, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 519, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 519, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



FAYE HANOANO, Chair



