

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 187

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 187 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A HOPE PAROLE PILOT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Paroling Authority to establish a two-year pilot project similar to the Judiciary's probation modification project, Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two private entities and two individuals. Testimony in opposition was received from one state department. Comments were received from one state branch of government. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

In 2004, the Circuit Court of the First Circuit launched a probation modification project, also known as Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement, or HOPE. In a one-year, randomized controlled trial comparing HOPE probationers to probationers in a control group, HOPE probationers were fifty-five per cent less likely to be arrested for a new crime, seventy-two per cent less likely to use drugs, sixty-one per cent less likely to skip appointments with their supervisory officer, and fifty-three per cent less likely to have their probation revoked. As a result of their improved progress, the HOPE probationers involved in the controlled trial served or were sentenced to, on average, forty-


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eight per cent fewer days of incarceration than probationers in the control group. This measure is an effort to establish a program comparable to HOPE for the parole system.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 187, and recommends its adoption.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



