

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2026
S.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 2026 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAROLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a parole service fee and a parole services special fund.

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

Your Committee finds that the practice of collecting a fee associated with parole supervision is a practice that is being utilized in thirty-four states. The funds are used to defray the expenses of parole supervision and to enhance parole services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the parole service fee is not a precondition of granting parole;
- (2) Establishing a parole service fee amount of \$60;



- (3) Allowing the Hawaii Paroling Authority to waive the parole service fee if it is determined that the parolee is unable to pay the fee within forty-eight months of parole;
- (4) Requiring the Hawaii Paroling Authority to waive the parole service fee or balance of the fee owed if no payment or only partial payment is made within forty-eight months immediately following release on parole;
- (5) Allowing the Hawaii Paroling Authority to enter into a memorandum of agreement with another state agency to collect the parole service fee; and
- (6) Clarifying that the parole service fee, whether collected by the Hawaii Paroling Authority or by another state agency, is to be deposited into the parole services special fund and the crime victim compensation special fund.

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 S.B. No. 2026, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2026, 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



