

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2009

RE: S.B. No. 540
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 540, S.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 establish a residential drug abuse program for the treatment and reintegration of nonviolent inmates based upon the community transitional phase of the Bureau of Prisons residential drug abuse program.

This measure would also:

- (1) Increase the number of transition beds in module nineteen at the Oahu Community Correctional Center; and
- (2) Provide for a reduction of an inmate's minimum term upon successful completion of the residential drug abuse program.

Your Committee received one written comment on this measure. The written comment 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.

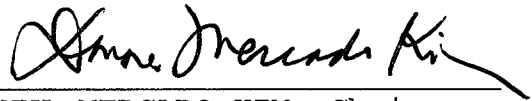


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting provisions that would increase the number of transition beds at module nineteen at the Oahu community correctional center; and
- (2) Making technical amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 540, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 540, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



