

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1055

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 619
S.D. 2

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 S.B. No. 619, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide an inmate facing reentry into the community with a stake in that community through the reestablishment of the right to vote by allowing incarcerated persons who were Hawaii residents at the time of their arrest and who have no more than two years left before their release from imprisonment, to vote by absentee ballot in Hawaii's elections.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Community Alliance on Prisons, Democratic Party of Hawaii, League of Women Voters, African-American Lawyers Association, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. A concerned individual supported this measure with amendments. The Office of the Governor testified in opposition to this bill. The Department of Public Safety provided comments.

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 S.B. No. 619, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB619 SD2 HSCR PBS HMS 2009-3215



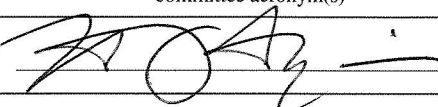
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,



FAYE HANOANO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 619, SD 2	Committee Referral: PBS, JUD, FIN	Date: 3-19-2009		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PBS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HANOHANO, Faye P. (C)	✓			
2. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani		✓		
4. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
5. LEE, Marilyn B.			✓	
6. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				✓
7. RHOADS, Karl		✓		
8. SAIKI, Scott K.	✓			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	✓			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
12. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
TOTAL (12)	5	2	1	4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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