

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1640

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr: 19, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 843
S.D. 1
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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 843, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SENTENCING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist the court in rendering appropriate sentences by restoring a statutory provision that allows the court, in its discretion, to order a defendant who has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor to submit to mental or other medical observation and examination prior to being sentenced.

The Judiciary and Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii testified in support of this bill. The Department of the Attorney General and Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 843, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



