

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 313  
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 313, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reduce recidivism and help  
inmates make a successful transition back into the community by:

- (1) Establishing the Hawaiian Cultural Restoration Program  
(Program) as a temporary pilot program within the  
Department of Public Safety (PSD);
- (2) Specifying that the Program select non-violent inmates  
to participate in the restoration and rebuilding of  
culturally historic sites;
- (3) Requiring the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) to  
determine and identify the sites to be restored by the  
Program; and
- (4) Requiring the State Historic Preservation Division to  
review and approve all proposed work to be conducted on,  
in, and around the selected historic sites.

This measure also appropriates funds for the Program and  
requires that funds allocated to the program result in reduced  
appropriations to OHA of an equal amount.

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The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Community Alliance on Prisons and National Association of Reformed Criminals supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and OHA offered comments.


Providing for a successful transition of inmates from prison life to life in their communities is beneficial not only to the inmate, but their families or communities as well. The Program has tremendous potential in accomplishing this. Although concerns were raised that PSD is currently over-burdened and the establishment of the Program will add that to their responsibilities, your Committee finds the Program to be a worthwhile endeavor and respectfully requests PSD to work with the Judiciary in carrying out this project.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Substituting the term "low-custody inmate" for "non-violent inmate"; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 313, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 313, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

  
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FAYE HANOHANO, Chair



