

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 1, 2011

RE: H.R. No. 179

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 179 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE CORRECTIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PRISONS IN HAWAII, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to address overcrowding, inefficiency, and the financial burden of Hawaii prisons, and the societal and management problems at mainland prisons that house Hawaii offenders, by requesting the Department of Public Safety and Department of Accounting and General Services to:

- (1) Study the feasibility of establishing a public-private correctional partnership for the construction and operation of prisons in Hawaii;
- (2) Return inmates who are incarcerated on the mainland;
- (3) Close inefficient and aging prison facilities within the State;
- (4) Identify specific locations that would be selected as sites for new prisons in Hawaii, and hold at least one public hearing on the topic; and




- (5) Produce a report on estimated construction costs, annual debt service costs, and annual operating costs for a new, publicly financed and operated prison to be used as a benchmark for comparison to a public-private project.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii opposed this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 179 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,



for HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



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The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

| Bill/Resolution No.: HR 179 | Committee Referral: PBM, FIN | Date: 3/24/11 | | |
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| <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) | | | | |
| PBM Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C) | / | | | |
| 2. CULLEN, Ty (VC) | / | | | |
| 3. ICHIYAMA, Linda | / | | | |
| 4. LEE, Marilyn B. | / | | | |
| 5. LUKE, Sylvia | | | | / |
| 6. SAIKI, Scott K. | | | | / |
| 7. SOUKI, Joseph M. | | | | / |
| 8. TAKAI, K. Mark | / | | | |
| 9. TAKUMI, Roy M. | / | | | |
| 10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. | / | | | |
| 11. FONTAINE, George R. | / | | | |
| 12. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling | / | | | |
| TOTAL (12) | 9 | - | - | 3 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 8pt;">committee acronym(s)</div> | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ | | | | |
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