

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 162
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 162 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO BEGIN
DISCUSSIONS AND PLANS TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC-PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIPS TO BUILD PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN
THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to express
legislative support of the concept of public-private partnerships
to build prisons and correctional facilities in the State, and to
urge the Governor to begin discussions and plans to establish
public-private partnerships as soon as possible to deal with the
State's prison overcrowding and to return the majority of our
prisoners who are incarcerated on the mainland.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety; Hawaii Youth Services
Network; The Pacific Resource Partnership; SSFM-PH Hawaii LLC; and
SSFM International, Inc. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from the Community Alliance on Prisons
and American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i.

For over ten years the State has sent inmates to the mainland
for incarceration due to overcrowding in the State's correctional
facilities. Inmates on the mainland are not able to have close
support from family and friends for their rehabilitation and
re-entry efforts.

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Over \$50,000,000 of Hawaii's public funds are spent annually to incarcerate inmates on the mainland. These funds are not circulating in our economy, but in the economies of other states, providing jobs and opportunities for mainland residents and companies.

New prisons and correctional facilities in the State would create local construction jobs and public safety jobs, and allow inmates to be close to their supportive families. There are private companies that are willing to establish public-private partnerships with the State to use their financial resources to build new prison facilities in Hawaii.

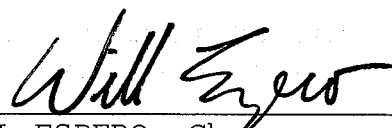
Your Committee wishes to clarify that this measure addresses construction only and not the management or operations of a prison.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the Governor to additionally discuss and plan to establish re-entry centers, drug treatment facilities, and other correctional facilities in the state;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 162, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 162, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Michelle N. Kidani*

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