

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2011

RE: H.B. No. 130
H.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 H.B. No. 130, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Public Safety to determine the number of women who are eligible for reintegration into the community and contract with providers of gender-responsive community services to assist these women in successfully transitioning back into the community.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety; Community Alliance on Prisons; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i; Drug Policy Action Group; Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; TJ Mahoney & Associates; National Association of Reformed Criminals; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that incarceration is not an effective method to deal with the addiction faced by women being held for illegal drug use; rather, the root problems that lead to these destructive behaviors must be addressed to successfully break the cycle of substance abuse, crime, and incarceration. Your Committee further finds that there is currently a lack of adequate programs that can help incarcerated women face these challenges

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and assist them in successfully transitioning back into the community. Unfortunately, the great majority of incarcerated women will be released into the community without the necessary skills and tools for a successful transition.

This measure offers an array of services, including family reunification, employment, education opportunities, and housing to assist women in successfully transitioning back into the community.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 130, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

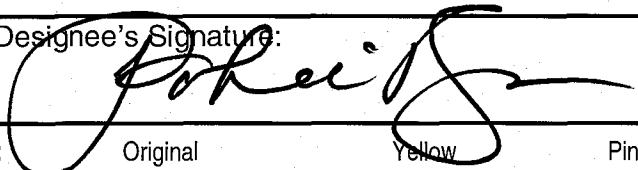


WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs
PGM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 130, HD 1	PGM, WAM	3/15/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			✓
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				✓
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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