

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2598

H.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 2598, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRE-SENTENCE REPORTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to update the pre-sentence investigative process as it relates to convicted defendants by deleting the intake service center as an agency responsible for preparing the pre-sentence diagnosis and report for defendants and for giving notices of the Crime Victim Compensation Act and other specified restitution procedures.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety.

Your Committee finds that this measure updates the law relating to pre-sentence investigation process and reporting by deleting references to intake service centers as entities responsible for these duties. The Department of Public Safety testified that while intake service centers may assist with the pre-sentence investigation process, this responsibility is managed by the Judiciary, which has staff specifically allocated and trained to perform these tasks. Thus, this measure correctly designates pre-sentence investigation and reporting duties to the Judiciary.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,

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your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2598, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



