

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3350

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2798
H.D. 3
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2798, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A VETERANS TREATMENT COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a temporary Veterans Treatment Court to be administered by a circuit court judge of the first judicial circuit.

Additionally, this measure:

- (1) Authorizes the Judiciary to establish four temporary positions for the purpose of implementing the temporary Veterans Treatment Court;
- (2) Appropriates funds for staffing, equipment, and other expenses for the implementation and operation of the temporary Veterans Treatment Court; and
- (3) Requires the Judiciary to submit a plan of implementation for the temporary Veterans Treatment Court to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Judiciary, and the Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure

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from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu.

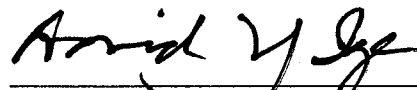
Your Committee finds that the State's prison system is severely overcrowded and that further alternatives to incarceration are needed, including the provision of appropriate treatment, counseling, and more intensive supervision. Successful intervention by the temporary Veterans Treatment Court is expected to have a long-term positive impact on prison overcrowding, the costs of high rates of incarceration, public safety, probation and parole workloads, and case flow through the judicial system. Your Committee notes that it has received the Judiciary's plan of implementation for the temporary Veterans Treatment Court.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting Part IV of the measure, which requires the Judiciary to submit a plan of implementation for the temporary Veterans Treatment Court to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2798, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2798, H.D. 3, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/	
ESPERO, Will	/	
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/	
KIM, Donna Mercado	/	
KAHELE, Gilbert	/	
KOUCHI, Ronald D.		/
RYAN, Pohai	/	
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/	
WAKAI, Glenn	/	
SLOM, Sam	/	
TOTAL	13	0
0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>		
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