

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2158
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2158 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BAIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that a prisoner be discharged promptly when bail is offered and taken, and to require that law enforcement agencies accept cash bail, certified copies of pre-filed bail bonds, and original bail bonds when the court is closed, including nights, weekends, and holidays to facilitate the prompt release of the prisoner from custody or imprisonment.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Office of the Public Defender, Da Kine Bail Bonds, and Professional Bail Agents of Hawaii testified in support of this measure. The Department of Public Safety and a concerned individual provided comments on this measure.

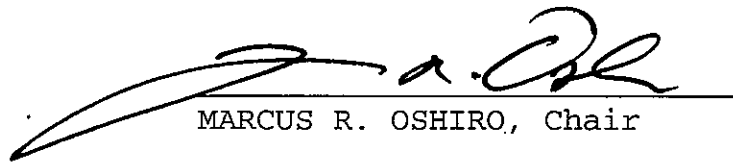
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing rather than requiring law enforcement agencies to accept cash bail, certified copies of pre-filed bail bonds, and original bail bonds at those times when the court is closed; and
- (2) Making the effective date July 1, 2030, to promote further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2158, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2158, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2158	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date: 3/30/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
4. CULLEN, Ty	✓			
5. GIUGNI, Heather	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
7. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
8. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
9. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
10. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				✓
11. LEE, Chris	✓			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
16. RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
17. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (17)	16	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Marilyn B. Lee</u>				
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