

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2053

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 08 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2249  
S.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 Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2249 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Public Safety to permit committed persons, at the Director of Public Safety's discretion, to create products and crafts for sale including photographs, paintings, drawings, sewn items, crocheted items, woodwork, and other items deemed sellable by the Director.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Tahirih Association, Fishnet Ministries International, and three individuals. Comments were received from the Department of Public Safety.

Your Committee finds that allowing the sale of prison arts and crafts would create an incentive to engage in these activities, which are a valuable rehabilitation tool. Under this measure, a person making arts or crafts can generate proceeds from the sale of those arts and crafts, twenty-five percent of which shall be deposited into the fund of the person's facility for re-entry or rehabilitation services or programs.

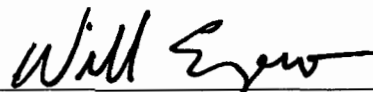
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Deleting the prohibition on the creation of items that relate to the person's crime;
- (2) Requiring that twenty-five percent of the proceeds be deposited into the crime victim compensation special fund;
- (3) Requiring the Department of Public Safety to conduct a study to ascertain the practices of correctional facilities in other states with regard to the making and sale of arts and crafts by inmates, including the means by which the items are sold, the price of the articles, and the allocation of proceeds from sales, and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
- (4) Making a conforming statutory amendment.

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 S.B. No. 2249, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2249, S.D. 1, 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,



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WILL ESPERO, Chair



