

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 93

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 5, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 919

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 919 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is exempt persons who have committed controlled-substance-related offenses from automatic disqualification from public employment if the position is exempt from the civil service, provided that reasonable safeguards exist to protect employees and the public.

Additionally, this measure clarifies the language on civil service exemptions for positions filled by persons with severe handicaps or by students and positions filled through federally funded programs or similar state programs.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Going Home Consortium, Community Alliance on Prisons, and a concerned individual.

Your Committee finds that removal of the automatic disqualification from public employment for persons convicted of a controlled-substance-related offense will facilitate the purposes of federally funded reentry programs for ex-offenders. Your Committee also finds that updating and expanding the civil service exemption to clarify that workforce training programs are included in the exemption would enable the Department of Labor and

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Industrial Relations to assist a segment of the workforce that is in need of training to transition to other vocations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 919 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Public  
Employment,



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MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 919	<b>Committee Referral:</b> LAB, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2/1/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
<b>LAB Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
5. ING, Kaniela	/			
6. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.				X
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
9. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	8	0	0	1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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