

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **16333**

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 11, 2013

RE: H.C.R. No. 173

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 173 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO EXPAND COMMUNITY DRUG TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS AND MOVE LOW-RISK OFFENDERS INTO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT DIRECTLY ADDRESS THEIR PATHWAYS TO INCARCERATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to decrease the costs of incarceration, overcrowding in prisons, and the rate of recidivism by encouraging the Department of Public Safety to expand community drug treatment and mental health programs for nonviolent offenders and move low-risk offenders into community programs that directly address their pathways to incarceration.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Community Alliance on Prisons, Hawaii Government Employees Association, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, and a concerned individual provided testimony in support of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 173 and recommends its adoption.

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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



