

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1108

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 1176
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred S.B. No. 1176, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the parole system in Hawaii by ensuring the timely nomination of new members to the Hawaii Paroling Authority, requiring the release of parole hearing decisions within a specified timeframe after the hearing, and establishing the quorum required to take action on matters before the Hawaii Paroling Authority. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Allows the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, Director of Public Safety, president of the Hawaii State Bar Association, and president of the Hawaii Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers to appoint designees to represent them on the Hawaii Paroling Authority nomination panel that nominates members of the Authority for the Governor's consideration;
- (2) Requires certain information regarding parole decisions by the Hawaii Paroling Authority to be made public no more than 30 days after a parole release hearing; and



- (3) Requires three Hawaii Paroling Authority panel members for a quorum for a parole release hearing, unless there is a recusal due to a conflict of interest, in which case two panel members will satisfy the quorum requirement.

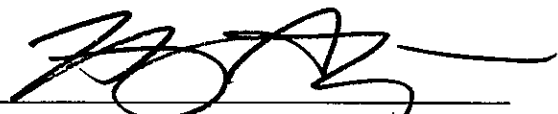
The Department of Public Safety supported this measure. The Hawaii Paroling Authority supported the measure with amendments. The Department of the Attorney General offered comments on the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that the Hawaii Paroling Authority publicize the reason why a prisoner's parole request was denied; 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 Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1176, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1176, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1176, SD1	Committee Referral: PBS, JCLD	Date: March 14, 2013		
<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)				
PBS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	✓			
2. ING, Kaniela (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda				✓
5. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
6. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
8. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
9. MCDERMOTT, Bob	✓			
TOTAL (9)	7			2
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: _____				
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