

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

569

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2013

RE: S.B. No. 204
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 204 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to fund holistic treatment and support and transition services for the ex-offender population.

More specifically, this measure appropriates funds for fiscal year 2014-2015 to incentivize and match funds for programs that are specifically designed to help offenders transition safely back into the community.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Community Alliance On Prisons, and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that the reintegration of ex-offenders into the general population is a process and that programs that assist in this transition improve the chances of a smoother, more successful return to the community. The successful reintegration of ex-offenders benefits the community and reduces recidivism. Your Committee further finds that providing matching funds for programs that assist in the transition of ex-offenders will increase employment rates for ex-offenders, incentivize partnership and investment in these programs, and improve the general welfare of the State.

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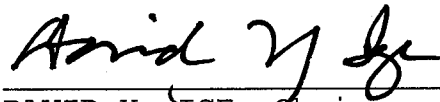


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the appropriation shall be expended only upon the commitment of private or public matching funds; and
- (2) Making a technical nonsubstantive amendment for the purpose of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 204, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 204, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 204	Committee Referral: PSM, WAM	Date: 2-14-13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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