

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06 2013

RE: S.B. No. 705  
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 Public Safety, Intergovernmental and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 705 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 offer release on  
supervised parole to eligible inmates prior to the expiration of  
their maximum sentence.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Public Safety, Hawaii Paroling Authority,  
Crime Victim Compensation Commission, Community Alliance on  
Prisons, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in  
opposition to this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting  
Attorney and The Council of State Governments Justice Center.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii inmates considered at risk  
for committing new offenses increasingly have been released from  
prison without any supervision. These offenders tend to  
recidivate at a higher rate than inmates placed on parole.  
Communities will benefit if certain offenders are released prior  
to the expiration of their maximum sentence and supervised for a  
period of time under post-release programs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

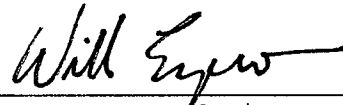
- (1) Restoring the repealed section 706-670(5), Hawaii  
Revised Statutes;



- (2) Requiring a parole hearing to perform a validated risk assessment and determine if an offender qualifies for supervised parole prior to the expiration of a maximum sentence;
- (3) Allowing the Hawaii Paroling Authority the discretion to not grant supervised parole prior to the expiration of a maximum sentence for certain offenders; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 705, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 705, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs,



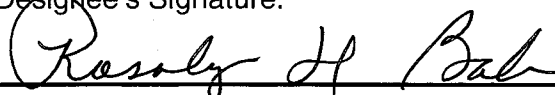
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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 705	PSM, JDL	1-29-2013		
<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
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	-	-	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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