

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1491

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 12 2013

RE: S.R. No. 35
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.R. No. 35, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STAND-ALONE REENTRY CENTER IN HONOLULU FOR RECOVERING LOW-RISK CRIMINAL OFFENDERS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL AND DAY-REPORTING PROGRAM OPTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to help persons seamlessly transition from incarceration to the general population.

More specifically, this measure encourages the Department of Public Safety to seriously consider the establishment and implementation of a stand-alone reentry center in Honolulu for recovering low-risk criminal offenders, which may include residential and day-reporting program options.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Community Alliance on Prisons.

Your Committee finds that reentry centers house offenders in transitional environments while they learn to reengage with the community, find employment, and become familiar with the social services that will allow them to regain law-abiding and productive lifestyles. Further, reentry centers reduce the recidivism rate



and are significantly more cost-effective than traditional incarceration.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 35, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



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Twenty-Seventh Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR 35, SDI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PSM, WAM</i>	Date: <i>4-5-13</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	11	1	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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