

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 11, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2237
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 2237 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRISON LITIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow correctional facilities the time and opportunity to address complaints internally before allowing the initiation of a civil lawsuit. Specifically, this measure requires prisoners to exhaust administrative remedies before bringing a civil court action.

The Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety supported this measure. The Community Alliance on Prisons and two concerned individuals opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.


Your Committee notes that the Department of Public Safety is currently working to strengthen its ability to track inmate's grievances, especially at out-of-state correctional facilities that have prisoners from Hawaii. As such, your Committee finds



that this measure warrants further discussion as it advances through the legislative process.

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 H.B. No. 2237, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2237, 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



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The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 2237</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PBS, JUD</i>	Date: <i>2/6/14</i>		
<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. HAR, Sharon E.				✓
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
7. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				✓
9. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob				✓
TOTAL (10)	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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