

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2591  
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 Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2591 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOMELESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce crimes against homeless individuals by:

- (1) Requiring a minimum term of imprisonment without the possibility of parole for crimes that cause death or inflict serious bodily injury upon a homeless individual; and
- (2) Extending the term of imprisonment for intentionally inflicting serious or substantial bodily injury upon a homeless individual, where the defendant knew or should have known of the homeless status of the individual.

The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery; Community Alliance for Mental Health; United Self Help; and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice supported the intent of this measure and provided comments.

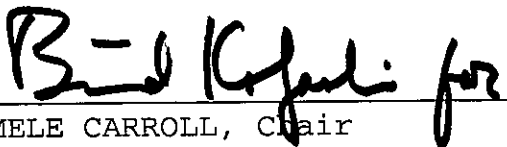


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Eliminating the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment in order to allow for judicial discretion;
- (2) Adding homeless status to the existing provision for extended sentencing in hate crimes; and
- (3) 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 Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2591, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2591, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,

  
MELE CARROLL, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 534-14

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2591</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HUS, JUD</b>	Date: <b>2/13/14</b>		
<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)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CARROLL, Mele (C)				✓
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. CREAGAN, Richard				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. JORDAN, Jo		✓		
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.		✓		
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
10. FUKUMOTO, Beth	✓			
TOTAL (10)	6	2		2
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: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>[Signature]</i>				
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