

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 25, 2014

RE: H.C.R. No. 59  
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.C.R. No. 59 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY TO STUDY THE CORRELATION BETWEEN SEXUAL ABUSE  
AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER WITHIN THE STATE'S FEMALE  
PRISON POPULATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the emotional damage  
suffered by female inmates who are victims of sexual abuse in  
prison by requesting the Department of Public Safety to conduct a  
study examining the correlation between sexual abuse and post-  
traumatic stress disorder within the female inmate population.

A few concerned individuals supported this measure. The  
Department of Public Safety supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting that the University of Hawaii conduct the  
study, rather than the Department of Public Safety; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the  
purposes of clarity, consistency, and style, including  
amending its title to read: "HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO STUDY  
THE CORRELATION BETWEEN SEXUAL ABUSE AND POST-TRAUMATIC



STRESS DISORDER WITHIN THE STATE'S FEMALE PRISON  
POPULATION. "

Your Committee received testimony on this matter reflecting concern that the subject matter of the report was too narrow, as men who have experienced sexual abuse in prison exhibit similar symptoms. Should your Committee on Finance choose to hear this measure, your Committee encourages further discussion of this consideration as this measure moves through the legislative process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 59, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Public Safety in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 59, H.D. 1.

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



MELE CARROLL, Chair



