

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 576
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. 576 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require a
financial and management audit of the Department of Public Safety
commissary operations and commissary operations of out-of-state
commissaries where Hawaii inmates are confined.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety and Community Alliance on
Prisons. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that commissaries at state correctional
facilities provide an opportunity for inmates to purchase goods
for personal use, but the prices of those goods are higher than
those found in public retail stores. This measure requires the
Auditor to conduct an audit of the operations of the commissaries
to determine if the markups are excessive.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing only a financial audit of the commissary
operations of out-of-state contracted correctional
facilities where Hawaii inmates are confined, based on
information obtained pursuant to contract, as the

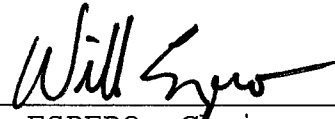


Department of Public Safety's contract with out-of-state correctional facilities does not permit a management audit; and

- (2) 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. 576, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 576, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



