

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2480
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2480 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
COMMISSARIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to direct the
Auditor to conduct an audit of certain correctional facility
commissaries in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Community Alliance on Prisons; The CHOW Project; Ho'omana
Pono, LLC; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments
on this measure from the Department of Public Safety and Office of
the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that high prices at correctional
facility commissaries are an ongoing issue in Hawaii.
Incarcerated persons and their families frequently pay prices at
commissaries that are much higher than prices for the same goods
at retail stores. Your Committee further finds that an audit of
correctional facility commissaries will help identify and
eliminate instances of overcharging.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the source of the appropriations to the general
revenues of the State; and



- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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. 2480, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2480, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



