

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 407

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2015

RE: S.B. No. 433

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 433 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCARCERATED PARENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the
Department of Public Safety intake service centers to coordinate
the collection of data regarding incarcerated parents and children
with incarcerated parents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety, Department of Land and
Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Community Alliance
on Prisons, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Kalihi Palama
Hawaiian Civic Club, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic
Justice, Blueprint for Change, King Kamehameha HCC and nine
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that children whose parents are
incarcerated may experience symptoms of trauma as a result of
their parents' incarceration, such as poor academic performance,
aggressive behavior, and developmental challenges. Moreover,
these children may also be much more likely to enter the criminal
justice system themselves.

Your Committee further finds that there is an absence of
reliable and comprehensive data on children or incarcerated
parents in Hawaii, limiting the state and service providers'

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ability to support these children and their families. Appropriate services and resources are essential to breaking the cycle of intergenerational incarceration and to help these children overcome the hardships associated with an incarcerated parent.

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. 433 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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,

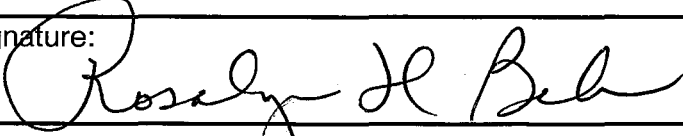


WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 433	PSM, WAM	2-17-15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5	-	-	-
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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