

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2016

RE: S.C.R. No. 84

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.C.R. No. 84 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND ITS COMMUNITY-BASED WORK
FURLOUGH PROGRAMS TO ASSIST FORMERLY INCARCERATED FEMALE
INMATES TRANSITION BACK INTO SOCIETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the
Department of Public Safety to continue and expand its community-
based work furlough programs to assist formerly incarcerated
female inmates transition back into society.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety; Hawaii State Democratic
Women's Caucus; Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women;
Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Young Women's Christian Association;
Ho'omana Pono, LLC; Community Alliance on Prisons; American
Association of University Women Hawaii; Hawaii Women's Coalition;
and nine individuals.


Your Committee finds that community-based work furlough
programs that assist formerly incarcerated persons transition back
into society reduce costs of incarceration and rates of
recidivism, especially in cases of nonviolent offenders. Research
indicates that such programs are effective at reducing the cycle
of substance abuse, crime, and incarceration. Your Committee
further finds that the majority of female inmates incarcerated in
Hawaii are nonviolent offenders, and that many are victims of



gender based violence and trauma. Expanding community-based work furlough program opportunities for these individuals will help them re-integrate into society.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 84 and recommends that it be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means.

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




CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 84	PSM, JDL/WAM	3/24/16		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes