

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

174

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 108

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 108 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require law
enforcement agencies, including county police departments, to make
personnel knowledgeable in and implement the Law Enforcement
Assisted Diversion approach.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Community
Alliance on Prisons; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i; FACE; Harm
Reduction Hawaii; Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice; Hawaii
Substance Abuse Coalition; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; IHS, The Institute
for Human Services, Inc.; The Salvation Army; YWCA O'ahu; Mental
Health America of Hawai'i; American Civil Liberties Union of
Hawai'i; The CHOW Project; Action with Aloha; Hawaii Youth Services
Network; Young Progressives Demanding Action; and twenty-five
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from the Department of Public Safety and one
individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Department of Health and Governor's Coordinator on
Homelessness.

Your Committee finds that reducing the criminal behavior of
individuals engaged in low-level offenses is a worthwhile endeavor
that will improve public safety and order. The Law Enforcement



Assisted Diversion (LEAD) concept, originating in Seattle in 2011, is an approach to addressing the criminal behavior of individuals engaged in low-level offenses that has shown great early success in a number of jurisdictions across the country. The LEAD approach allows law enforcement officers to refer willing low-level offenders to social, psychological, or civil legal services as an alternative to arrest.

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. 108 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and 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
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 108	Committee Referral: PSM, JDL/WAM	Date: 2/7/17		
<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)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
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