

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1244

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 169
S.D. 1

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.C.R. No. 169 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY, PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TASK
FORCE ESTABLISHED TO STUDY EFFECTIVE INCARCERATION POLICIES
TO IMPROVE HAWAII'S CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM, TO DELAY PLANS TO
BUILD A NEW CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ON OAHU UNTIL THE TASK
FORCE ISSUES ITS FINAL REPORT THAT WILL PROVIDE A
COMPREHENSIVE ROAD MAP FOR REFORMING HAWAII'S CORRECTIONAL
SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the
Department of Public Safety, based on the recommendation of the
joint task force created pursuant to H.C.R. No. 85, H.D. 2, S.D.
1, Regular Session of 2016, delay plans to build a new
correctional facility on Oahu until the task force issues its
final report, which will provide a comprehensive road map for
reforming Hawaii's correctional system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Community Alliance On Prisons, IMUAlliance, Young
Progressives Demanding Action, Launani Valley Community
Association, and five individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety.



Your Committee finds that reforming the State's correctional system is vital to ensuring public safety and welfare. The Department of Public Safety has proposed to replace the Oahu Community Correctional Center with a more modern facility. This proposal has already entered the planning and site location phases. However, the Legislature has proposed legislation calling for the Department of Public Safety to instead solicit proposals to construct a larger facility at the current site of the Waiawa Correctional Facility. Moreover, the joint task force created pursuant to H.C.R. No. 85, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2016, to study effective incarceration policies to improve Hawaii's correctional system, has recommended delaying the Department of Public Safety's proposed new facility as the joint task force is examining means of significantly reducing the State's prison population and creating a more cost-effective corrections system.

Your Committee understands the testimony of the Department of Public Safety indicating that the Department has already responded to some recommendations of the task force and has expanded the scope of its search for additional, appropriate sites for a new correctional facility to include possible smaller acreage sites.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that referenced a proposal to replace the current Oahu Community Correctional Center with a larger facility at the site of the Waiawa Correctional Facility;
- (2) Deleting language stating a recommendation and request to delay plans to build a new correctional facility on Oahu until the task force established pursuant to H.C.R. No. 85, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2016, issues its final report;
- (3) Amending the purpose of this measure to instead request the final report of the task force established pursuant to H.C.R. No. 85, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2016, to also identify sites ten acres or less in size;
- (4) Amending its title accordingly; and



- (5) 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 169, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 169, S.D. 1.

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

Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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SCR 169	PSM, WAM	3-28-17		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" 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	-	-	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Rosalyn H Baker</i>				
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