

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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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 Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 169, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TASK FORCE
ESTABLISHED TO STUDY EFFECTIVE INCARCERATION POLICIES TO
IMPROVE HAWAII'S CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM, ALSO IDENTIFY IN ITS
FINAL REPORT SITES FOR A NEW CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THAT ARE
TEN ACRES OR LESS IN SIZE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
final report of the task force established pursuant to House
Concurrent Resolution No. 85, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, of the Regular
Session of 2016, to also identify sites of ten acres or less to
reflect the concept that modern correctional facilities can be
developed vertically.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from the Launani Valley Community Association and one
individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from
the Department of Public Safety, the Community Alliance on
Prisons, and one individual.

Your Committee notes that the task force established pursuant
to House Concurrent Resolution No. 85, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, is engaged



in a study on effective incarceration policies to improve Hawaii's correctional system. In a briefing of legislative committees, the task force suggested that the current planning for a new correctional facility may be premature because the task force is considering options to significantly reduce the State's inmate population and create a more cost-effective system focusing on rehabilitation rather than punishment.

Thus, your Committee finds that the task force should be given the opportunity to identify potential correctional facility sites that are consistent with its inmate incarceration recommendations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 169, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



