

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2454

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 2454 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist former inmates as they reenter society and current inmates pursuing vocational rehabilitation by establishing a three-year pilot project within the Department of Public Safety to authorize the administrator of the Hawaii Correctional Industries Program, in consultation with the Director of Public Safety, to provide full-time equivalent employment in the Hawaii Correctional Industries Program to up to five former inmates who meet eligibility criteria.

The Community Alliance on Prisons, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Young Progressives Demanding Action - Hawaii, Americans for Democratic Action, Life Foundation, Community Health Outreach Work to Prevent Aids Project, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and



purpose of H.B. No. 2454 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Economic Development & Business,

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