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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2820

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2820 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an
emergency appropriation to provide funds for the Department of
Public Safety to pay for the temporary housing of two hundred
forty-eight inmates at a non-state facility for an additional six
months, during work on capital improvements to the Halawa
Correctional Facility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from Young Progressives
Demanding Action.

Your Committee finds that ensuring the proper functioning of
the State's correctional facilities is essential for maintaining
public safety. The Halawa Correctional Facility is currently
undergoing needed repairs and improvements to security electronics
and hardware. In 2017, the Legislature allocated funds to the
Department of Public Safety for temporary non-state housing for
two hundred forty-eight inmates while the upgrades were being
completed. The improvement project was scheduled to be completed
in December 2017, but due to complications related to the



specialty subcontractor's work and the time needed to hire a new vendor, the anticipated completion date for the project has been pushed back to October 2018. Consequently, funds will be needed to continue the temporary housing of the two hundred forty-eight inmates at a non-state facility for another six months to enable the project to move forward to completion. Accordingly, this measure makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the Department of Public Safety to pay for the necessary, temporary housing of the Halawa Correctional Facility inmates.

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. 2820 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



