

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 603

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. 603 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create
restrictions and guidelines on the use of administrative
segregation and disciplinary segregation in correctional
facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Community Alliance on Prisons, American Civil Liberties
Union of Hawai'i, and seventeen individuals. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from the
Department of Public Safety and United Public Workers, AFSCME,
Local 646, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that administrative or disciplinary
segregation on inmates is a significant action taken against
inmates and use of either requires clearly established guidelines.
Administrative and disciplinary segregation are actions ripe for
abuse, and the impacts of any such abuse can be harmful and long-
lasting. Accordingly, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the maximum length of time that an inmate
may be held in administrative or disciplinary
segregation;



- (2) Establishes procedures for continued placement in administrative or disciplinary segregation;
- (3) Creates restrictions on the deprivation of certain necessities of an inmate in administrative or disciplinary segregation;
- (4) Establishes guidelines for the use of administrative or disciplinary segregation on a member of a vulnerable population; and
- (5) Establishes criteria for classifying an inmate as a member of a vulnerable population.

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. 603 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



