

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2017

RE: S.B. No. 614

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. 614 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to delete the  
sunset provision for Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, as  
amended, to make permanent provisions of the Act regarding  
pretrial risk assessments and parole.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Public Safety, Hawaii Paroling Authority,  
Progressive Democrats of Hawaii, Community Alliance on Prisons,  
American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that overcrowding in jails and prisons  
is a growing concern and a situation that can lead to negative  
impacts for the public. One factor that contributes to  
overcrowding is the lack of or inefficient granting of parole.  
Another factor is the length of time that pre-trial offenders are  
held in custody. The Legislature addressed these problems  
previously, and as a result, the courts and the parole authority  
have been able to work with greater efficiency. Accordingly, this  
measure is to ensure the continued improvement of efficiency in  
parole decisions and pretrial risk assessment by making a measure  
previously enacted by the Legislature permanent.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military

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Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 614 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means.

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

*Clarence K. Nishihara*

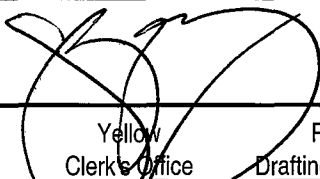
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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 614	PSM, JDL/WAM	2/7/17
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓	
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓	
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓	
IHARA, Jr., Les		
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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