

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1552
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military
Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1552 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support best practices for
an effective correctional system by:

- (1) Establishing the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight
Commission;
- (2) Consolidating the Reentry Commission and Corrections
Population Management Commission into the Hawaii
Correctional System Oversight Commission and
transferring the rights, powers, functions, and duties
of the consolidated commissions to the Hawaii
Correctional System Oversight Commission; and
- (3) Appropriating funds for the operation of the Hawaii
Correctional System Oversight Commission.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, O'ahu County Committee on
Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i,
Community Alliance on Prisons, and several concerned individuals

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supported this measure. The Department of Public Safety and The Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Trust offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying language authorizing the oversight coordinator to hire staff necessary to accomplish the purpose of the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission and specifying that employees of the oversight coordinator's office shall be exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, but shall be entitled to any employee benefit plan normally inuring to civil service employees;
- (2) Deleting the requirement to transfer employees, as there are currently no positions assigned to and funded for the functions of the Reentry Commission and the Corrections Population Management Commission; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1552, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1552, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Veterans, & Military Affairs,



GREG YAMAYAMA, Chair



