

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1653

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2019

RE: S.R. No. 7
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.R. No. 7, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO WORK WITH THE FAMILY REUNIFICATION WORKING GROUP AND OTHER COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH VISITATION CENTERS AT ALL STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND JAILS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, to work with the Family Reunification Working Group and other community stakeholders to develop a plan to establish visitation centers at all state correctional facilities and jails.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Blueprint for Change, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that parental incarceration is a strong risk factor for many adverse outcomes for children, including



antisocial and violent behavior, mental health problems, failure to graduate from school, and unemployment. Your Committee further finds that the maintenance of family ties and parent-child relationships is linked to post-release success, lower rates of recidivism, and fewer parole violations. This measure will facilitate the development of visitation centers at state correctional facilities and jails to ensure the wellbeing of incarcerated parents and their families.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 7, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

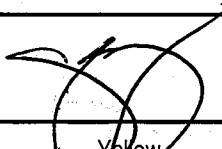


KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Thirtieth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 7, SD1	HMS/PSM, JDC	3/19/19
<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)
Nay	Excused	
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓	
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓	
GABBARD, Mike	✓	
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓	
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓
TOTAL	4	0
Nay	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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