



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

September 15, 2020

**GOV. MSG. NO 1183**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

I am transmitting herewith SB2523 SD1 HD2, without my approval and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

SB2523 SD1 HD2

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2523

Honorable Members  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 2523, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Safety."

The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Public Safety ("PSD") to spend \$450,045 from its fiscal year 2020-2021 appropriation to fund a contract for a specific "community-based work furlough program for women." This bill prohibits PSD from spending any of its appropriation for the 2020-2021 fiscal year until the \$450,045 is expended.

This bill is objectionable because payments for the furlough program are made periodically throughout the fiscal year rather than in an up-front, lump-sum payment. The requirements of this bill, therefore, would prohibit all other expenditures from PSD's fiscal year 2020-2021 appropriation because it is impossible to expend the entire \$450,045 on the work-furlough program until the end of the fiscal year. In addition, PSD would be unable to pay the administrative costs to implement the furlough program itself, which is the purpose of this bill.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2523 without my approval.

Respectfully,



DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor of Hawai'i

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes the importance of  
2 the community-based work furlough program for women. Since  
3 2015, the department of public safety has contracted with a  
4 local nonprofit organization to place up to twenty-three women  
5 from the women's community correctional center on Oahu in a  
6 residential program that provides a supportive environment  
7 geared towards re-entering society and rebuilding their lives.  
8 The residential program's job readiness and job retention  
9 programs enable women to return to the workforce, keeping  
10 eighty-four per cent of participants out of prison.

11           In June 2020, the department of public safety announced  
12 that budget cuts, necessitated by the revenue loss caused by the  
13 economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, would require  
14 cancellation of its contract with the nonprofit organization and  
15 end the program on June 30, 2020.

16           Contrary to claims made by the department of public safety,  
17 the budget passed by the legislature shows no reductions to the



1 operating budget of the women's community correctional center  
2 that would impact the ability to provide contracted services.  
3 Budget reductions for all state agencies were based on vacant  
4 positions within each department, not appropriations for other  
5 current services or contracts. Furthermore, after factoring in  
6 vacant position reductions, the women's community correctional  
7 center (PSD409) received a net increase of \$1,550,443 for fiscal  
8 year 2020-2021.

9 SECTION 2. Act 5, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, as amended  
10 by House Bill No. 2200 H.D 1, S.D. 1, passed by the legislature  
11 during the regular session of 2020, is amended by adding a new  
12 section after section 6.5 to read as follows:

13 "Section 6.6. Provided that of legislative appropriation  
14 item I-19 for the department of public safety for fiscal year  
15 2020-2021 in section 3 of this Act, the general fund sum of  
16 \$450,045 shall be expended from the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget  
17 (PSD900, general funds) by the department of public safety for  
18 the purposes of the community-based work furlough program for  
19 female inmates; provided further that no other funds  
20 appropriated for PSD900 in section 3 of this Act shall be



1 expended until the requirements of this section are  
2 implemented."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect  
5 retroactive to June 30, 2020.


APPROVED this                      day of                      , 2020


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: July 10, 2020  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2020.

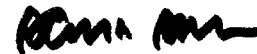
  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: July 6, 2020  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives