

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 320
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. 320 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OFFENDER REENTRY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of
Public Safety to issue certificates to inmates who complete
rehabilitation programs.

The Department of Public Safety, Johnson Control Industries,
O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic
Party of Hawai'i, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, and a
concerned individual supported this measure. The Hawaii Paroling
Authority opposed this measure. Community Alliance on Prisons
offered comments.

Your Committee notes the concerns of the Hawaii Paroling
Authority that this measure may have the unintended effect of
having the unauthorized release of an inmate's protected health
care or treatment information as it relates to substance abuse,
mental health, sex offender treatment programs, and any other
rehabilitative program where the information is considered
protected under state or federal law. However, your Committee
believes that this measure deserves consideration and further
discussion as it moves through the legislative process.


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Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that the Department of Public Safety shall provide the certificate to an inmate at the completion of the rehabilitation program, rather than providing the certificate at a later date.

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. 320, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 320, 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 TAKAYAMA, Chair



