STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1744

Honolulu, Hawaii

## APR 1 5 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 171 H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 171, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF CULTURE-BASED REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE'S CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Public Safety to recognize the value of culturebased rehabilitation activities in the State's correctional system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Koʻolauloa Hawaiian Civil Club, and fourteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that studies have shown that the criminal justice system disproportionately impacts Native Hawaiians and that proactive policies and oversight are needed to alter that pattern. Your Committee further finds that Native Hawaiian cultural practices and programs, can serve as tools for inmates to reclaim their dignity and reassert their connection to a sense of identity, and that culture-based rehabilitation activities should be encouraged and their value recognized. This measure encourages the Department of Public Safety to implement



STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1744 Page 2

culture-based rehabilitation activities in the State's correctional system as a means to help alleviate the disproportionate burden of the criminal justice system on the Native Hawaiian community and provide for true healing and lasting rehabilitation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 171, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

Clarena nichikan

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



## The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee		Da	te:	
HCR 171, HDI	PSN	1		418/2	021
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)		/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)					/
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		/			
RIVIERE, Gil					
FEVELLA, Kurt					1
			<u> </u>		
			<u> </u>		
			<u> </u>		
			<b> </b>		
TOTAL		उ			2
Recommendation:					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Clarence to Frischichen					
Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod   File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy					

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes