

Honolulu, Hawaii
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RE: H.B. No. 1778
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, to which was referred H.B. No. 1778 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER REENTRY SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) The Offender Reentry Office of the Department of Public Safety to develop and implement a risk needs assessment tool that is specifically intended to assess the needs of female offenders; and
- (2) The Department of Public Safety to submit a report to the Legislature on the Offender Reentry Office's compliance with the requirement in paragraph (1).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Women's Prison Project, Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety.

Your Committee finds that the development of a risk needs assessment tool that focuses on the discrete needs of female offenders will assist the Offender Reentry Office in identifying



programs and services that are more helpful to females as they reintegrate into society.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1778, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1778, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Corrections,
Military, & Veterans,



TAKASHI OHNO, Chair



