

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **627** -22

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 18**, 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2309  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2309, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCARCERATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce recidivism rates in the State and increase productivity in affected communities by appropriating monies for the development and maintenance of diversion, reentry, and rehabilitation programs within the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, and Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that individuals having arrest and conviction records face many barriers to success, including housing restrictions, workplace restrictions, and informal restrictions. This measure aims to assist in the transition of formerly incarcerated individuals from jails and prisons to the community by providing more opportunities for success for these individuals.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting references to specific organizations and programs from the preamble; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2309, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2309, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



