

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 629-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2311
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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2311, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN REHABILITATION PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Public Safety to collaborate with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in the creation of a Native Hawaiian rehabilitation program for prison inmates, which puts an emphasis on Native Hawaiian values and cultural practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Opportunity Youth Action Hui, Community Alliance on Prisons, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, Women's Prison Project, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Human Services, and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that rehabilitation programs have traditionally been based on western models that may not have any relevance or foundation to prison inmates' identity, cultural

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beliefs, and worldview. Establishing a rehabilitation program that specifically emphasizes Native Hawaiian values and cultural practices may help the disproportionately represented Native Hawaiian inmate population feel less disenfranchised and support their reintegration into society upon release.

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. 2311, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

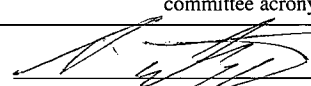


MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2311 HD1	Committee Referral: CMV, JHA, FIN	Date: 2-16-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TODD, Chris				
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
12. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (12)	10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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