

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2313  
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. 2313 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR FEMALE OFFENDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Public Safety to develop a pretrial female risk and needs assessment tool and conduct internal pretrial female risk and needs assessments to measure the female offender's risk of flight, criminal conduct, or harm to the community; and
- (2) Require the pretrial female risk and needs assessment tool to consider factors important to women when considering their risk to reoffend and treatment needs.

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



Your Committee finds that women's pathways to incarceration, risk factors for recidivism, and rehabilitation needs differ from those of men and are not adequately identified or addressed by assessment tools that were originally developed for males in the criminal justice system. Parenting stress, lack of childcare, and the need for single mothers to support their family are among risk factors and needs not identified in non-gender-responsive assessments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2313, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2313, 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



