

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2532

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2532 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRISONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a
working group to reduce recidivism by providing inmates with
business and entrepreneurial skills and financial literacy
education to establish a foundation for the inmates to succeed
after their release from incarceration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety, Hawai'i Correctional System
Oversight Commission, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Hawaii Substance
Abuse Coalition, and two individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and
Finance.

Your Committee finds that providing education, training, and
mentoring for employment once inmates are released from
incarceration is proven to reduce recidivism and help inmates get
back on their feet. Forty-nine percent of convicted felons return
to prison within one year of release. However, inmates who seek
and attain education while in prison are forty-three percent less
likely to recidivate than those who do not. Your Committee
believes that providing inmates the opportunity to receive an
education centered around obtaining employment after being



released is an effective way to reduce the recidivism rate. This measure will assist the State in providing the necessary support for released inmates by establishing a working group to provide inmates with business and entrepreneurial skills and financial literacy education.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2532 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

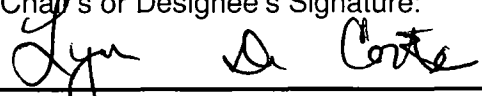


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2532	PSM, WAM	2/1/2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes