

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3084

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2640

S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCARCERATED WOMEN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for the second year of the education program for imprisoned women.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, Department of Public Safety, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Community Alliance on Prisons, Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center, Women's Prison Project, and three individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the educational opportunities provided by this measure will help to reduce recidivism and assist incarcerated women integrating back into society by developing their employment skills, helping them to obtain their General Educational Development diploma, providing them with college-level education, enhancing their self-esteem, and providing them with beneficial parenting skills.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount appropriated from \$250,000 to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



