

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1724-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24, 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2770
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 2770, S.D. 1, 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:

- (1) Require the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to create a rehabilitation program for Native Hawaiian prison inmates that puts an emphasis on preserving Native Hawaiian values and cultural practices; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Department of Public Safety, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Community Alliance on Prisons, Women's Prison Project, Opportunity Youth Action Hui, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, 'Eko Lu Mea Nui, and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

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Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Papa Ola Lōkahi.

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 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 S.B. No. 2770, S.D. 1, 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB 2770, SDI, HDI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>CMV, JHA, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3-22-22</i>		
<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. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (11)	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
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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