

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2086

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2774

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. 2774 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL
CENTER, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide funding
for the Women's Community Correctional Center to further expand
reentry planning circles, also known as huikahi circles, which are
a part of a reentry planning process shown to decrease recidivism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety, Community Alliance on
Prisons, Women's Prison Project, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition,
and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that reentry planning by incarcerated
people is vital for their successful return to the community and
their desisting from crime. Huikahi circles are for incarcerated
people who take responsibility for their behavior and want to make
amends with harmed loved ones and the community. Huikahi circles
have been provided pro bono and with private grants to state
prisons. Except for the State's 2021 Governor's Emergency
Education Relief grant, the State has never funded the program for
adults. Huikahi circles are healing for children of incarcerated
parents and other loved ones and have been shown to reduce



recidivism. This measure will assist incarcerated women to transition back into the community and reduce Hawaii's prison population by appropriating funds for the Women's Community Correctional Center to further expand huikahi circles.

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. 2774 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,

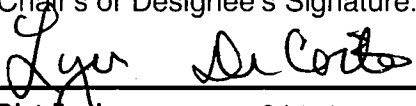
Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2774	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