

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3137

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. 3137 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER
REENTRY SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that the Department of Public Safety's role is to work with the Department of Transportation and county examiners of drivers to assist inmates in procuring civil identification necessary to transition into the workforce, access social services, and secure housing, rather than to issue civil identification cards.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Department of Human Services, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission and Common Cause Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that individuals in the State's custody who will soon re-enter the community need valid government-issued identification to support their reentry. Government-issued identification is required to gain employment, obtain housing, and obtain certain necessary prescribed medications. This measure will allow individuals to more easily obtain government-issued identification from the proper government agencies by clarifying



that the Department of Public Safety's role is to work with the Department of Transportation and county examiners of drivers to assist inmates in procuring civil identification rather than to issue civil identification cards.

Your Committee has heard the testimony of Common Cause Hawaii expressing concerns that it is unclear as to how this assistance will interface with automatic voter registration. Your Committee finds that this issue raises concerns that merit further consideration and requests that your Committee on Judiciary further examine those issues and concerns raised by the testifiers on this measure.

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. 3137 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 3137	PSM, JDC	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 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: <i>Lynn DeCort</i>				
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