

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1856

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 06 2023

RE: H.B. No. 1131
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1131, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENDER PARITY IN PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to the Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice as a Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, grant to study all programming offered to persons incarcerated at correctional facilities in the State and to convene a group of incarcerated women for the purpose of identifying gaps in the programming offered to female inmates.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Rainbow Family 808, the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, ACLU of Hawaii, and three individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, and Women's Prison Project.

Your Committee finds that the study funded by this measure will help the State evaluate the programming currently offered in Hawaii's correctional facilities; identify unmet programming needs; and plan for improvements that will comply with the law's



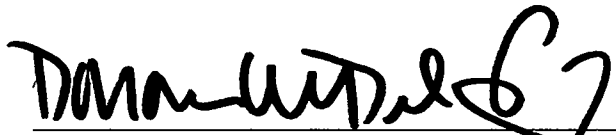
requirement of gender parity, reduce recidivism, and help prepare incarcerated women for successful reentry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the following amendments, as recommended in written comments from the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission:
 - (A) Assigning responsibility for the study required by the measure, and appropriating moneys for the study, to the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, rather than Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice;
 - (B) Changing the appropriation from a grant made pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to a standard appropriation;
 - (C) Making the Department of the Attorney General the expending agency for the appropriation, rather than the Judiciary; and
 - (D) Changing the study's completion date to June 30, 2024; and
- (2) 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 H.B. No. 1131, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1131, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

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


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB1131, HD1, SD1	PSM/HRE, WAM	DK 4/5/23		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				✓
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	10			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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