

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1885

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2025

RE: H.R. No. 148

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.R.  
No. 148 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
AND REHABILITATION TO INCREMENTALLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY REDUCE  
THE NUMBER OF INMATES INCARCERATED IN PRIVATE, OUT-OF-STATE  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of  
Corrections and Rehabilitation to incrementally and systematically  
reduce the number of inmates incarcerated in private, out-of-state  
correctional facilities.

Your committee received testimony from the Department of  
Corrections and Rehabilitation providing comments, and the ACLU  
Hawaii which strongly supports the resolution and provided  
comments.

Your committee finds that the State has relied on contracted  
private, for-profit, out-of-state correctional facilities to house  
a significant portion of the State's inmate population for more  
than two decades. Your committee also finds that housing inmates  
this far away from their families continues to cause adverse  
effects on their reentry and reintegration back into community.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 148 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HR 148</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PBS</b>	Date: <b>3/28/2025</b>		
<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)				
PBS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	9	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>[Signature]</u>				
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