

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 1056
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 1056 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support a successful restorative justice-based pilot program that safely brings offenders, victims, and their respective personal supporters together in a carefully managed, safe environment to foster reconciliation, strengthen rehabilitation, and develop a reentry transition plan for the offender. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Appropriates funds for the expansion of the Restorative Reentry Circles pilot program to correctional facilities statewide; and
- (2) Requires the Department of Public Safety to contract with a health and human services provider to establish Restorative Reentry Circles programs in correctional facilities statewide.

The Department of Public Safety, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, and Community Alliance on Prisons supported this bill.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1056, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1056, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



