

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2011

RE: S.B. No. 44
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 44 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Public Safety to develop performance indicators, including specified statistics, that accurately reflect progress toward specific goals, including:

- (1) Reducing the rate of recidivism;
- (2) Decreasing prisoner assaults on correctional staff;
- (3) Reducing correctional staff turnover; and
- (4) Improving departmental efficiencies in staffing, budgeting, and data management and analysis.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Community Alliance on Prisons, ACLU of Hawai'i, The Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i, The Libertarian Party, Hawai'i Women's Coalition, and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Act 8, First Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2007 (Act 8), enacted the Community Safety Act, which was codified as chapter

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353H, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Community Safety Act established a comprehensive offender reentry system under the purview of the Department of Public Safety. Act 8 also required the Department of Public Safety to submit to the Legislature annual reports through 2010 relating to the implementation, progress, and effectiveness of the program components specified in Act 8.

Your Committee finds that while the Department of Public Safety's annual report lists program activities and statistics, it does not include information on program outcomes. Your Committee believes that performance indicators are an effective means of tracking the progress of the comprehensive reentry system.

Just as every business that wants to succeed sets some measurement or evaluation for positive outcomes, your Committee believes that tracking not only the programs, but also the success rate of participants will make it easier to gauge the success of and facilitate improvements and course corrections to its programs using performance indicators.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Consolidating specified existing reports, including the report using performance indicators, into one annual corrections and program report, at the recommendation of the Department of Public Safety;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to allow for further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 44, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 44, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



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

Will Espero

WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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<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
ESPERO, Will (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kelani</div>				
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