

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 67

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 67, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF A STAND-ALONE REENTRY CENTER IN HONOLULU
FOR RECOVERING LOW-RISK CRIMINAL OFFENDERS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE
RESIDENTIAL AND DAY-REPORTING PROGRAM OPTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to help offenders
make a seamless transition from incarceration to a successful
reentry into the general population.

More specifically, this measure encourages the Department of
Public Safety to seriously consider the establishment and
implementation of a stand-alone reentry center in Honolulu for
recovering low-risk criminal offenders, which may include
residential and day-reporting program options.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from the Community Alliance on Prisons.

Your Committee finds that reentry centers house offenders in
transitional environments while they learn to reengage with the
community, find employment, and become familiar with the social
services that will allow them to establish law abiding and
productive lifestyles. Further, reentry centers reduce the



recidivism rate and are significantly more cost-effective than hard bed incarceration.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 67, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



