

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 2017

RE: H.C.R. No. 158

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 158 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY-BASED WORK FURLOUGH PROGRAMS TO ASSIST FEMALE INMATES TRANSITION BACK INTO SOCIETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the continuation and expansion of community-based work furlough programs to assist female inmates transition back into society.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety; Community Alliance on Prisons; Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii; YWCA O'ahu; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that supporting the expanded use of alternatives to incarceration is essential for promoting public welfare and reforming the State's correctional system. The expanded use of alternatives to incarceration is particularly important for the State's population of female inmates. The majority of female inmates are nonviolent offenders who do not pose a threat to the community. In addition, many female inmates are the mothers of minor children, and their incarceration threatens the destruction of the family unit. Further, many female offenders are re-incarcerated if they do not receive proper support during their transition back into society. Community-



based work furlough programs can be an effective means of transitioning inmates back into society. Moreover, these work furlough programs can help reduce incarceration costs, reduce recidivism, and create safer communities. Accordingly, community-based work furlough programs designed to help female inmates transition back into society should be continued and expanded.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 158, and recommends its adoption.

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



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 158	Committee Referral: PSM	Date: 4/21/17		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes