

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1240

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 117

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 S.C.R. No. 117 entitled:

"SENATE 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 help female inmates transition back into society.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,
Community Alliance on Prisons, and YWCA O'ahu.

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 S.C.R. No. 117 and recommends that it be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means.

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

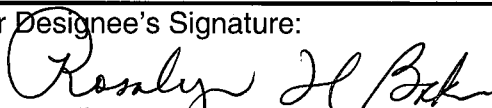


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 117	Committee Referral: PSM, JDL/WAM	Date: 3-28-17		
<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	4	-	-	1
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