

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

594

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1537

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 1537 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Public Safety to contract with the Social Science Research Institute of the University of Hawaii at Manoa for evidence-based research and to collect data on behalf of the Department.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Community Alliance on Prisons, and one individual.

Your Committees find that evidence-based research and data collection are vital to verifying and formulating best practices for state correctional institutions. Previously, and for many years, the Department of Public Safety utilized researchers from the Social Science Research Institute at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to collect and analyze data for the Department. Your




Committees further find that this working relationship was recently terminated and believes it should be reinstated. This measure will revive the working relationship between the Department of Public Safety and Social Science Research Institute at the University of Hawaii for evidenced-based research and data collection.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1537, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1537, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs and Higher Education,

  
DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair


  
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair





The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Higher Education**  
**HRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 1537</i>	Committee Referral: <i>RSM/HRE, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/12/19</i>		
<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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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