

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 920-20

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 1901

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1901 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the comprehensive offender reentry system provides programs and services that result in the timely release of inmates on parole when the minimum term, rather than the maximum term, has been served by the inmate.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Community Alliance on Prisons, and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that last legislative session, the Legislature passed Act 179, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 (Act 179), which codified recommendations of the Criminal Pretrial Task Force. When Act 179 was enacted, it inadvertently referred to the comprehensive offender reentry system providing a pathway to the timely release of inmates on parole when their maximum term had been served. This measure will correct that reference to a minimum term, as originally intended by the Legislature.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1901 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



