

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1498

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 664
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 664, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Public Safety to develop a new Oahu Community Correctional Center; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for an oversight coordinator position and necessary support staff positions for the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Miyawaki Group, Hawai'i Psychological Association, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Community Alliance on Prisons, Young Progressives Demanding Action, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, Ohana Ho'opakele, and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Office of the Public Defender, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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Your Committee finds that this measure will ensure that any new correctional facility will have programming focused on cultural-based rehabilitation and that best practices will be taken into account concerning the design of the facility and ways it can better serve the inmate population.

Your Committee further finds that the Legislature established the oversight coordinator position in 2019 when it established the Hawaii Correctional Oversight Commission. The Legislature specified the salary of the oversight coordinator, mandated that the oversight coordinator devote their entire time and attention to the administration of the Commission, and authorized the oversight coordinator to employ persons to perform the functions of the Commission. Nonetheless, to date, the Commission has operated without the benefit of an oversight coordinator or support staff.


As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 664, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,


MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 664, SDI, HDI	Committee Referral: CMV, JHA, FIN	Date: 3-23-21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.			✓	
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
10. TODD, Chris	✓			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
12. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (12)	10	0	1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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