

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

725

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2021

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 664 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Public Safety to develop the new Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Public Safety, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the American Civil Liberties Union Hawai'i, Young Progressives Demanding Action, Community Alliance on Prisons, 'Ekolu Mea Nui, and forty-six individuals.

Your Committee finds that a new correctional facility is needed for the Department of Public Safety to fulfill its mandate of providing safe and secure services to incarcerated individuals. The current facility is over one hundred years old and its aging buildings face escalating maintenance costs and contribute to the lack of a safe and efficient work environment. Additionally, the facility is unable to address detainees with special needs or mental health issues although at any given time between 9.5 and twelve percent of OCCC's population is deemed to fall into this



category. Currently, OCCC is operating at one hundred twenty-seven percent of its capacity. The Department of Public Safety has estimated that a new 1,380-bed jail to replace OCCC would cost \$525,000,000 or \$380,000 per bed. Additionally, the State seeks to spend an additional \$45,000,000 to expand the Women's Community Correctional Center to accommodate the women previously held at OCCC.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of May 6, 2137, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 664, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 664, S.D. 1.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 664	PSM, JDC	03/02/2021		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura			✓	
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	6	0	1	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes