

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1320

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 25
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 Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 25 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ALLOW FAITH PODS BASED ON KAPU ALOHA TO BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN EACH CORRECTIONAL CENTER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Public Safety to allow faith pods based on kapu aloha to be established within each correctional center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Ohana Ho'opakele, Malu 'Aina, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that native Hawaiians are severely overrepresented in the State's prison population and have a much higher recidivism rate than non-Hawaiians. Pu'u honua is a decentralized wellness center that can act as an alternative to building more prisons in the State and is based on healing inhabitants and eventually returning them back to the community. Your Committee further finds that non-violence has always been key to Hawaiians, as represented in the Hawaiian cultural practice of kapu aloha. Incarcerated individuals, or pa'ahao, have initiated Hawaiian cultural programs within different correctional systems



known as "faith pods" throughout the nation to help promote safe spaces to heal and regain their identity as Hawaiians. This measure will allow faith pods to be established in correctional center in the State to provide Hawaiians with the opportunity to practice native Hawaiian cultural practices in those centers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 25, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 25, S.D. 1.

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

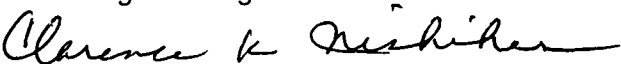


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 25	PSM	3/23/2021		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				/
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	4	1	1	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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