STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2432

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2375

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2375 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL WORK,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, to develop and establish a program to train incarcerated nonviolent individuals in the area of social work.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Community Alliance on Prisons; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'i Chapter; and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Human Services, and Department of Public Safety.

Your Committees find that the State is facing a shortage of social workers to help people in the State manage their mental health and cope with stressors in their everyday lives. This shortage is of concern as social workers already have full caseloads and may be unable to provide additional services, which may in turn intensify the need for help and increase burnout among social workers. The demand for social workers will likely



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continue to rise, especially during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and its aftermath, as individuals experiencing depression, anxiety, life transitions, and other mental health challenges will need social workers' support to address difficult or stressful life situations. Your Committees believe that some nonviolent incarcerated individuals may have experienced the need for social services or may have firsthand experience receiving services from social workers that make them uniquely qualified to enter the field of social work as assistants after undergoing This measure will allow the State to help nonviolent training. incarcerated individuals reintegrate into society and address the high demand for social workers by requiring and appropriating funds for the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, to develop and establish a program to train incarcerated nonviolent individuals in the area of social work.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2375 and recommend that it pass Second Reading 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 Human Services,

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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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## Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs PSM

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.									
If so, then the previous decision was to:									
The Recommendation is:									
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## Record of Votes Committee on Human Services HMS

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If so, then the previous decision was to:									
The Recommendation is:									
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Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused				
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)			_						
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)		V							
ACASIO, Laura									
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.		V							
FEVELLA, Kurt									
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