

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1953
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1953 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Judicial Council to conduct a comprehensive review of the Hawaii Penal Code and recommend necessary amendments.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Community Alliance on Prisons. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that a comprehensive review of the Hawaii Penal Code has been conducted every decade since the Code's enactment in 1972, with the last review conducted in 2015. Your Committee believes that it is time for another review of the Hawaii Penal Code to ensure its continued force and effectiveness.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;



- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$25,000.

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 H.B. No. 1953, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1953, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1953	Committee Referral: JHA, FIN	Date: 2-1-24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. TARNAS, David A. (C)	/			
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)	/			
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.	/			
4. GANADEN, Sonny	/			
5. HOLT, Daniel				/
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda				/
7. ILAGAN, Greggor	/			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
9. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	/			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
TOTAL (10)	8	-	-	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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