

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 224
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 224, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to:

- (1) In collaboration with various agencies and upon request of the inmates, assist inmates in obtaining their civil identification card, birth certificate, social security card, and other relevant identification necessary for successful reentry into society, as soon as practicable, but no later than one year before the inmate's parole or release date; and
- (2) Initiate the process of obtaining identification documents for inmates released to work furlough, extended furlough, or community placement programs, by providing the forms necessary for the inmate to obtain civil identification cards and other identification documents to the inmate as soon as practicable, but no later than ninety days before the inmate's release date.

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Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Office of the Public Defender; Community Alliance on Prisons; Opportunity for Youth Action Hawai'i; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has made progress in collaborating with agencies, including the counties and Social Security Administration, and facilitating access to identification documents. However, there are still significant gaps in informing individuals in custody about available assistance, prioritizing support for those within one year of release, adhering to prescribed timelines, and providing forms in the individual's primary language. This measure will improve the timeliness in which individuals in custody are informed of and receive departmental assistance in obtaining applicable identification documents.

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

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. 224, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 224, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



