Honolulu, Hawaii

Fely 15, 2006

H.B. No. 2595

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2595 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY VISITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen the relationship between inmates and family members by restricting the Department of Public Safety from canceling pre-approved and pre-scheduled family visits with inmates.

The Community Alliance on Prisons, A Woman's Voice International, and several concerned citizens supported this bill. The Department of Public Safety testified that it did not support this measure.

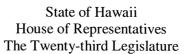
Your Committee finds that families are a valuable resource to offenders during their incarceration. In addition, the support of family members plays a key role in an offender's rehabilitation, transition, and successful re-entry into the community.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2595 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 378-06

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

KEN ITO. Chair





Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:			
НВ 2595	February 9, 2006			
Committee Referral: PSM, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments			
□ Hold □ Recommit				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)	.			
2. CHONG, Pono (VC)	V			
3. LEE, Marilyn B.				
4. NAKASONE, Bob				
5. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				<u> </u>
6. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
7. TANAKA, Kameo		7		
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
9. MOSES, Mark S.				
10. STONEBRAKER, Bud				
TOTAL				
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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