

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2657  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to  
which was referred H.B. No. 2657, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this Act is to direct the Department of Public Safety to work with Ohana Ho'opakele and other restorative justice groups to prepare a plan for the creation of a pu'uhonua, or wellness center, on lands owned or controlled by the State, giving preference to the site formerly used as the Kulani Correctional Facility on the island of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three private entities. Testimony in opposition was received from one State department. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the most recent information on the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco reveals a disturbing rise in the use of these substances among the native Hawaiian population, and in particular, by native Hawaiian youth. In fact, among high school students in the eighth and tenth grades, native Hawaiian children rank highest among all ethnic groups in the use of these substances.

Your Committee further finds that the greatest potential to stem the tide of this tragic situation lies in culturally-based



substance abuse treatment and intervention programs that take a holistic approach based upon cultural identity, spirituality, and strength to get to the underlying reasons for substance abuse to enable healing from within.

The site formerly used as the Kulani Correctional Facility in East Hawaii would be an ideal site for a wellness center. It is a place of deep spirituality for the native Hawaiian people; and, pragmatically, it has the infrastructure and historical precedence for use in sustainable living.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2657, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2657, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2651, HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/16/10</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____			
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>			
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay
ESPERO, Will (C)	/		
BUNDA, Robert (VC)			/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/		
GABBARD, Mike	/		
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/		
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/		
HEMMINGS, Fred			/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature:			
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