

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2009

RE: S.B. No. 560
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 560, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a task force, within the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to study the disparate treatment of native Hawaiians and other ethnic groups in the State's criminal justice system.

Your Committee received two written comments on this measure. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that all citizens are entitled to a fair and just judicial system. Disparities in the criminal justice system foster mistrust by the public and impede the promotion of public safety. A study conducted by the task force under this bill would be a first step toward reducing disparities in the system because it will assist in determining where disparities occur and identifying the causes. Appropriate intervention and action can be taken thereafter to reduce the disparities.

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 560, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 560, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB560 SDI	Committee Referral: WTL/PSM, WAM	Date: 2/26/09
<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	Excused	
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓	
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)		✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓	
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓	
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓	
HEE, Clayton		✓
HOOSER, Gary L.	✓	
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓	
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓	
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓	
HEMMINGS, Fred		✓
TOTAL	9	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
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