

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2025**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2396
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2396 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PAROLING
AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make the two
part-time members of the Hawaii Paroling Authority full-time
members and to give the Governor the authority to set the salaries
of the paroling authority members.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety and Hawaii Paroling
Authority.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Paroling Authority plays
a vital role in the State's criminal justice system. It
determines minimum terms of incarceration for almost all inmates
sentenced to prison, grants parole when it determines that an
inmate is ready for release into the community, establishes terms
and conditions of parole for each offender granted parole,
oversees parole officers who monitor and supervise parolees,
grants discharges from parole, and makes recommendations for
pardons and commutations of sentences.

Because the Hawaii Paroling Authority is essentially a part-
time body, the members find proper deliberation very difficult
when reviewing cases and making decisions that are vital to public



safety. Further, the Authority is experiencing severe difficulties in carrying out its responsibility in assuring that the terms and conditions of parole are properly enforced with its existing staff.

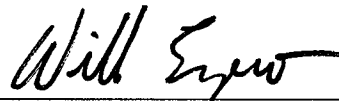
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding two more part-time Hawaii Paroling Authority members to the current two part-time members to make a total of four part-time members, rather than making the two part-time members full-time members, and making conforming amendments; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee intends for the Hawaii Paroling Authority to substantially increase its work capacity with the addition of two part-time members.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2396, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2396, 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,
Government Operations, and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs
PGM

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2396</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PGM, WAM</i>	Date: <i>1-31-12</i>		
<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
ESPERO, Will (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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