

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 11, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2333

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 2333 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE INTEGRATED SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand and strengthen the Statewide Integrated Sex Offender Treatment Program by:

- (1) Specifying adult and juvenile sex offenders as participants of the Program;
- (2) Ensuring a consistent focus on the assessment, evaluation, treatment, and supervision of sex offenders, when developing the comprehensive statewide master plan, the statewide integrated system, training and education programs, and standards and guidelines;
- (3) Employing a best practices philosophy in providing a continuum of programs under the comprehensive statewide master plan;
- (4) Identifying the Program's coordinating body as the "Sex Offender Management Team"; and



- (5) Exempting the Program from the requirements of Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to public agency meetings and records, because of the sensitive nature of the population involved.

The Department of Public Safety and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Judiciary and the Community Alliance on Prisons opposed this measure. The Office of Information Practices offered comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing juvenile sex offenders as participants of the Program;
- (2) Specifying, for purposes of the exemption from Chapter 92, that the exemption is from Part I of that chapter; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2333, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2333, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



