

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 17, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2391
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 2391 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN MISDEMEANANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prevent overcrowding at community correctional centers by authorizing the Director of Public Safety to release pretrial or sentenced misdemeanants based on specific criteria and referenced procedures.

The Department of Public Safety, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Community Alliance on Prisons, and a few individuals supported this measure. The Honolulu Police Department and Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu opposed this measure.

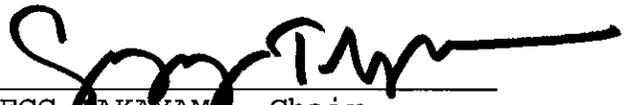
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that individuals who are not eligible for release by the Director of Public Safety shall include pretrial or sentenced misdemeanants who are convicted or arrested on suspicion of abuse of family or household members; and
- (2) 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. 2391, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2391, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



GREGG SAKAYAMA, Chair



