STAND. COM. REP. NO.



Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2631

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2631 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Public Safety for the expansion of work furlough programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety; Community Alliance on Prisons; The CHOW Project; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that gradual re-entry into the community provides inmates with the best opportunity for success. Work furlough programs are extremely valuable for teaching inmates critical decision making and self-sufficiency skills, as well as helping former inmates find employment opportunities. Work furlough programs additionally reduce recidivism by preparing inmates for reintegration into the community and fostering in participants a sense of pride and responsibility. For these reasons, your Committee finds that supporting work furlough programs is in the public interest.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2631 and recommends

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that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs PSM

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SB2631	PSM, WAM			2/2/16	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (Wi	R) Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)					
ESPERO, Will (VC)		/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					
SLOM, Sam					~
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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