

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 11

, 2020

RE: H.C.R. No. 47
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military
Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 47 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF FELONY
DISENFRANCHISEMENT, PARTICULARLY THE EFFECTS ON MINORITY
GROUPS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Public Safety to conduct a study on the effects of felony
disenfranchisement, particularly the effects on minority groups,
and to submit a report of its findings, including any proposed
legislation, to the Legislature prior to the convening of the
Regular Session of 2021.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Community Alliance on Prisons, American Civil Liberties
Union of Hawaii, and six individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety.

Your Committee finds that the requested study will be
valuable in informing the Legislature whether changes in policy
and practice regarding voting rights for incarcerated persons are
warranted.



Your Committee notes that through Act 179, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, the Legislature established a Criminal Justice Research Institute within the Office of the Chief Justice to examine all aspects of the criminal justice system for the purpose of assisting the State in understanding the system in a more comprehensive way and ensuring the protection of individual rights, increasing efficiencies, and controlling costs. In accordance with this purpose and the authority granted to the Criminal Justice Research Institute, your Committee finds it to be the more appropriate body to conduct the study.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Criminal Justice Research Institute, rather than the Department of Public Safety, to conduct the study and submit a report of its findings, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 47, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 47, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Veterans, & Military Affairs,



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 47	Committee Referral: PVM, JUD	Date: 3/13/2020		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is) ☒ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold ☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PVM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	✓			
2. GATES, Cedric Asuega (VC)				✓
3. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
4. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. McDERMOTT, Bob	✓			
TOTAL (7)	6			1
The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: [Signature]				
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