

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2320

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2345

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2345 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN AND FAMILY OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Human Services to work with the Department of Public Safety to establish a pilot visitation and family resource center at Waiawa correctional facility.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services, Office of the Public Defender, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Early Childhood Action Strategy, Community Alliance on Prisons, Blueprint for Change, Hawaii Children's Action Network, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Adult Friends for Youth, and twelve individuals.

Your Committees find that children of incarcerated parents are some of the nation's most vulnerable and marginalized populations and are more likely to be incarcerated themselves as teenagers or adults. Approximately four thousand children a year are affected by parental incarceration. Your Committees further find that parental incarceration is noted as a strong risk factor and determinant for many adverse outcomes for children, including



antisocial and violent behavior, mental health problems, failure to graduate from school, and employment. Your Committees note that opportunities for incarcerated parents to have meaningful in-person contact visits with their children are increasingly being restricted. This measure will help families with an incarcerated member by establishing a place for family visitation at Waiawa correctional facility.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2345 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs and Human Services,



RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2345	Committee Referral: PSMA/HMS, WAM	Date: 1/29/20		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Paul Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes