

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1334

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 30 2021**

RE: S.C.R. No. 108

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 108 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY TO INCREASE ITS INVESTMENT IN COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER  
REENTRY TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS EXITING  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Department of Public Safety to increase its investment in  
comprehensive offender re-entry training programs for individuals  
exiting correctional facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Public Safety, American Civil Liberties  
Union of Hawai'i, Community Alliance on Prisons, and three  
individuals.

Your Committee finds that re-entry programs focused on  
helping persons exiting jails and prisons to obtain post-secondary  
education, housing, employment, and treatment foster a smoother  
and more successful transition from incarceration back into their  
communities; result in reduced recidivism and improved public  
safety. The Department of Public Safety is statutorily required  
to provide comprehensive and effective re-entry planning for  
adults exiting correctional facilities. The lack of civil  
identification documents makes it nearly impossible to obtain



housing and legal employment, both of which are foundational pieces to successful re-entry into communities. Despite the Department of Public Safety's statutory mandate to provide civil identification documents to persons exiting correctional facilities, pursuant to section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, roughly half are exiting jails and prisons without such documentation. This measure requests the Department of Public Safety to increase investment in comprehensive offender re-entry programs for individuals exiting correctional facilities so that they may have the proper identification documents and be able to successfully re-enter into their community.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 108 and recommends its adoption.

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




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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR 108</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM</b>	Date: <b>3/23/2021</b>		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				/
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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