

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1333

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.R. No. 84

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.R. No. 84 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
TO CORRECT ISSUES AND DISMANTLE BARRIERS RELATING TO THE
PROVISION OF CIVIL IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS TO AND SUCCESSFUL
COMMUNITY REENTRY OF INMATES EXITING INCARCERATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Public Safety to correct issues and dismantle
barriers relating to the provision of civil identification
documents and successful community re-entry of inmates exiting
incarceration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety and American Civil Liberties
Union of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that re-entry programs assist people who
are released from jails and prisons to obtain post-secondary
education, housing, employment, and treatment. These re-entry
programs help formerly incarcerated people undergo a smooth and
successful transition back into their communities, which results
in reduced recidivism and improved public safety. Pursuant to
section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Department of Public
Safety is required, upon request, to issue civil identification
cards to inmates exiting correctional facilities; and assist those



inmates in obtaining the inmates' own birth certificates, social security cards, and any other relevant identification documents necessary to promote the inmates' successful transition from incarceration. Despite section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, many inmates are exiting incarceration without identification documentation. This measure will request the Department of Public Safety to expeditiously identify and correct issues that prevent the Department from complying with section 353H-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, with respect to providing requested civil identification cards and assistance with other identification documents to individuals exiting correctional facilities so that those individuals may 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.R. No. 84 and recommends its adoption.

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



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 5px;">SR 84</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 5px;">PSM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 5px;">3/23/2021</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				/
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 10px;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 2px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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