

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1335

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.R. No. 85

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. 85 entitled:

"SENATE 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, and Community Alliance on Prisons.

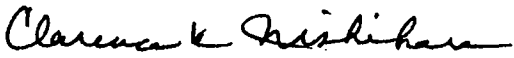
Your Committee finds that re-entry programs focused on helping persons exiting jails and prisons to obtain post-secondary education, housing, employment, and treatment foster a smoother and more successful transition from incarceration back into their communities; result in reduced recidivism and improved 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.R. No. 85 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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Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR 85</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PSM</i>	Date: <i>3/23/2021</i>		
<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	/			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes