

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1333-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2637  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2637, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Mandate that there be a community-based work furlough program for female offenders in the State; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to the Department of Public Safety to continue and expand community-based work furlough for women.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, Hawai'i Women Lawyers, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Community Alliance on Prisons, Women's Prison Project, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

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Your Committee finds that since 2015, the Department of Public Safety has contracted with a local nonprofit organization to place women from the Women's Community Correctional Center on Oahu in a residential program that provides wraparound services to assist them as they reenter society and rebuild their lives. The residential program's job readiness and job retention programs enable women to return to the workforce, keeping eighty-four percent of participants out of prison and providing them with the opportunity to participate in and access transitional training. This measure ensures the continuation and expansion of the community-based work furlough program for incarcerated women in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Updating references of "female" offenders to "women" offenders as it is more inclusive; 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2637, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2637, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,


  
MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2637, SDI, HDI	Committee Referral: CMV, JHA, FIN	Date: 3-22-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.				✓
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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