

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2639  
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. 2639, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER REENTRY SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) The Offender Reentry Office of the Department of Public Safety to develop and implement a risk needs assessment tool that is specifically intended to assess the needs of female offenders; and
- (2) The Department of Public Safety to submit a report to the Legislature on the Offender Reentry Office's compliance with the risk needs assessment tool requirement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Women's Prison Project, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that women's pathways to crime are often different than those of men and further tools are needed to



adequately identify women's pathways to incarceration. This measure supports the development and implementation of a validated gender responsive risk and needs assessment tool, which is critical for an effective transition plan that would reduce recidivism and result in healthier families and safer communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the term "female offenders" to "women offenders" as that term 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. 2639, 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. 2639, H.D. 2.

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



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <i>SB 2639, HDI</i>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <i>CMV, JHA, FIN</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>3-22-22</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>[Signature]</i>				
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