

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1586

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: H.B. No. 823
H.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 823, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEATHS WITHIN THE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the scope of reports on correctional facility and community correctional center deaths that are submitted to the Governor and Legislature;
- (2) Require certain reports to be published on the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation website; and
- (3) Mandate public access to other information reported.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, Community Alliance on Prisons, Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, ACLU of Hawai'i, Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i, and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety.



Your Committee finds that the occurrence of death is an unfortunate reality in jails and prisons. Responsible reporting of deaths is essential to ensure accurate communication of information to the public for purposes of transparency and trust. This measure will broaden the process for the public disclosure of deaths of incarcerated individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 823, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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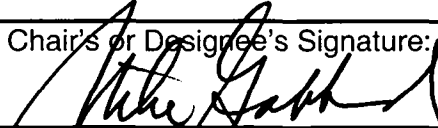
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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