

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3769

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1595
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1595, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of the Attorney General to establish, and require the Hawaii Criminal Justice Center to submit legislation regarding, a temporary pilot project to expunge certain arrest records relating to the possession of marijuana.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Marijuana Policy Project; Community Alliance on Prisons; Democratic Party of Hawaii; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii; Hawaii Cannabis Industry Solutions; Opportunity Youth Action Hawaii; Japanese American Citizens League, Honolulu Chapter; Last Prisoner Project; Hawaii Innocence Project and Beyond Guilt Hawaii; and three individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that a past criminal record can impose barriers to a person's progress and access to employment, housing,



education, insurance, and other necessities of life. Your Committee also finds that a pilot project that is focused on the expungements of arrest records for low-level marijuana offenses could help eliminate the stigma attached to those records.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1595, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1595 HD 1501	JDC, WAM	4/15/2024		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	11	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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