

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1038

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 03 2023**

RE: S.B. No. 711  
S.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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 711, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENDER PARITY IN PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure gender parity in programming offered to incarcerated women and men in the State.

More specifically, the measure appropriates funds to the Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice and Women's Prison Project as a grant under Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to conduct a study of programming offered to persons incarcerated at correctional facilities and to convene a group of incarcerated women for the purpose of identifying gaps in programming offered to female inmates.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Women's Prison Project, and Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

Your Committee recognizes the apparent lack of parity in the range and quality of programming that is currently available to female and male inmates in the State, based upon information in a December 2021 report of the Department of Public Safety to the



Legislature on gender responsive, community-based programs for women. Accordingly, your Committee finds that the activities funded by this measure are necessary to identify the scope of the issue and possible solutions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing references to the Women's Prison Project in the measure's appropriation section;
- (2) Changing the appropriation from \$120,000 to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 711, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 711, S.D. 2.

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

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 711 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM/HRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/22/23</b>		
<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 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			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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