

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1060

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1321
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1321, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning July 1, 2025, extend the term of the Oversight Coordinator for the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission; and
- (2) Clarify that the Oversight Coordinator has the general authority to inspect agencies and correctional facilities without notice.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, Community Alliance on Prisons, ACLU of Hawai'i, and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires that the Oversight Coordinator of the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission serve two-year terms. Your Committee further finds



that a two-year term does not provide sufficient time to fully understand the role, build relationships, or develop and implement meaningful policies or projects. This measure will give the Oversight Coordinator the time necessary to maintain independence and focus on the non-partisan work of transitioning the State's correctional system to a model for rehabilitation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by increasing the term duration of the Oversight Coordinator from three years to four years.

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 S.B. No. 1321, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1321, S.D. 2.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



