

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3801

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1628
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1628, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPASSIONATE RELEASE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a protocol for compassionate release for certain ill or seriously debilitated incarcerated persons; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, ACLU Hawai'i, Aloha Independent Living Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Hawaii Paroling Authority, Crime Victim Compensation Commission, and Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Hawaii Correctional System

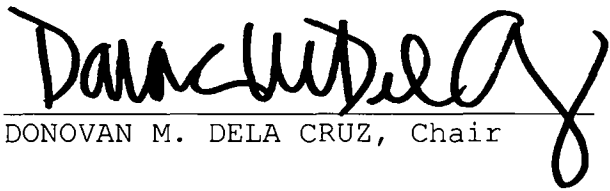


Oversight Commission, Community Alliance on Prisons, Ohana Ho'opakele, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, FAMM, and three individuals.

Your Committees find that many elderly, seriously ill, and dying individuals pose little threat to public safety, yet remain incarcerated. These incarcerated individuals are often held under conditions that are medically complex, emotionally painful, and inhumane. This measure will allow these individuals to spend their final months with family, preserving dignity at the end of life while ensuring careful review standards, eligibility requirements, and public safety.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1628, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Judiciary and
Ways and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair


KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1678 HD2, SD1	Committee Referral: PSM, JDC/WAM	Date: 04/08/2026		
<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 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			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.		X		
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12	1	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes