STAND. COM. REP. NO. 397-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2288
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 2288 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAROLE ELIGIBILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to include treatment, work furlough, and other programs designed for successful reintegration to the types of programs in which a committed person can participate to be eligible for parole.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawaii Paroling Authority; Office of the Public Defender; CARES; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai‘i Correctional System Oversight Commission.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has adopted a paradigm shift from a punitive to a rehabilitative and re-entry model for committed persons. Your Committee further finds that this measure supports and aligns with this change in approach by the Department.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Clarifying that in its discretion, the Hawaii Paroling Authority may waive program participation requirements;

(2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2288, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2288, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,

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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB2288	PBS, JHA	2/11/2026

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is) ☑ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

PBS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
6. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
8. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
9. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (9)	9			

The recommendation is: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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