

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2128**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2520
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2520 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HABITUAL VIOLENT CRIME,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, by repealing its sunset date and requiring the Criminal Justice Research Institute to submit a one-time report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2031; and
- (2) Require the Department of the Attorney General, in consultation with the Criminal Justice Research Institute, to submit ongoing annual reports to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui, Maui Police Department, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii, and two individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from six individuals.



Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Criminal Justice Research Institute.

Your Committee finds that Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024 (Act 213), allowed habitual violent crime offenders to be charged with a felony for repeatedly committing violent misdemeanors, such as abusing a family or household member. These habitual violent crime offenders pose a long-term risk to the community because of their propensity to commit further violent crimes in the future. However, Act 213 contains a sunset provision and will be repealed on June 30, 2027. Your Committee believes that, given the complexity and length of felony cases, Act 213's sunset date should be repealed to allow for additional time to accurately evaluate Act 213's effectiveness. In addition to ensuring adequate time for evaluation, this measure bolsters future efforts to mitigate habitual violent crime offenders by requiring reports that will provide critical data on the prevalence of habitual violent crime offenders in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2520, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2520, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety and
Military Affairs,



CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2520	Committee Referral: PSM, JDC/WAM	Date: 2-02-2026		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____</div>				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
LEE, Chris (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				✓
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div></div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 10px;">C</div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div>Original File with Committee Report</div><div>Yellow Committee</div><div>Pink Drafting Agency</div></div>				

***Only one measure per Record of Votes**