

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.



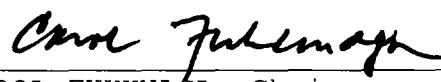
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Criminal Justice Research Institute.

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 However, Act 213 contains a sunset provision and will be repealed on June 30, 2027. Your Committee believes that, given the complexity and length of felony cases, Act 213's sunset date should be repealed to allow for additional time to accurately evaluate Act 213's effectiveness.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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