

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2164-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2688
S.D. 1
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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2688, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a protocol for compassionate release for certain ill or seriously debilitated incarcerated persons; and
- (2) Establish a temporary working group within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop initial administrative rules to implement the protocol.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission; Community Alliance on Prisons; FAMM; Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice; Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation; Ohana Ho'opakele; CARES; a petition with numerous individuals in support; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Hawaii Paroling Authority; Crime Victim

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Compensation Commission; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; The Sex Abuse Treatment Center; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2688, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



