

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 32
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.C.R.
No. 32, S.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S SENIOR
ADVISOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO FORMULATE
A PLAN TO CREATE PLACES OF SHELTER FOR PERSONS UNDER CIVIL
COMMITMENT AND FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY RELEASED
FROM THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL AND ARE AT RISK OF
RECIDIVISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Governor's Senior Advisor for Mental Health and the Justice System
to formulate a plan to create places of shelter for persons under
civil commitment and for persons who have been recently released
from the Hawaii State Hospital and are at risk of recidivism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Office of the Governor, Department of Health, and ACLU Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that although the Legislature has made
various efforts to fund intercept programs to prevent individuals
experiencing behavioral health crises from entering the criminal
justice system and instead provide them necessary treatment and



support services, limited coordination between state agencies has resulted in no meaningful reduction in the State's jail population as a result of these initiatives. The Governor's Senior Advisor for Mental Health and the Justice System is well-positioned to facilitate collaborative efforts between state agencies and system partners to improve outcomes and create appropriate access for persons who need care through the civil pathway. This measure will support the continued enhancement of a more organized continuum of care for individuals with mental illness who intersect with the criminal legal system, as well as for individuals on the civil pathway who need appropriate access to treatment and placement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 32, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



