

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2721
S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

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

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

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2721, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to implement recommendations from the 2025 Advisory Committee on Penal Code Review, established pursuant to Act 245, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, to amend the Hawaii Penal Code.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the 2025 Advisory Committee on Penal Code Review convened pursuant to Act 245, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, to promote a Hawaii Penal Code that is consistent and proportional across classes of offenses, aligned with national best practices and evidence-based strategies, cost-effective in advancing penal interests and providing equal justice to all in the State, and responsive to offenders suffering from

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mental illness. This measure adopts the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, which gained supermajority approval of the overall Committee in plenary session.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

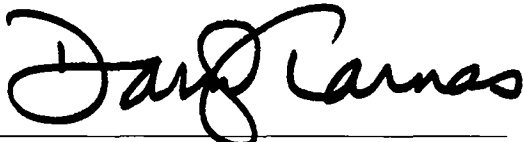
- (1) Specifying that, on or before July 1, 2027, the Judiciary, in consultation with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Department of the Attorney General, is required to establish and administer a statewide program that allows the posting of monetary bail seven-days-a-week for defendants who remain in the custody of the Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of September 1, 2026.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2721, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2721, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

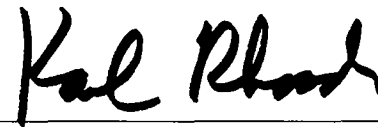
Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

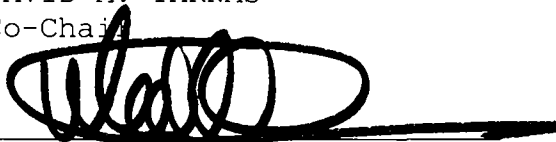
ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



DAVID A. TARNAS
Co-Chair



KARL RHOADS
Chair



MATTHIAS KUSCH
Co-Chair



Hawai'i State Legislature

Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

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Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: SB 2721, SD 1, HD 1					Date/Time: <i>4/28/26; 2:06 pm</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
RHOADS, Karl, Chr.	✓				TARNAS, David A., Co-Chr.	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓				KUSCH, Matthias, Co-Chr.	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓				POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
					GARCIA, Diamond			✓	
TOTAL	3	0	0	0	TOTAL	3	0	1	0
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay			E = Excused	
Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Hal Rhoads</i>					House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>David Carnas</i>				
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