

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2252-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24, 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 89
S.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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 89, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII
CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE MODELS FOR REHABILITATION AND
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ON O'AHU,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission to establish an advisory committee to develop recommendations on the implementation of alternative models for rehabilitation and restorative justice on Oahu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, Imua Alliance, Community Alliance on Prisons, Correctional Reform Working Group, and America Civil Liberties Union.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission has consistently advocated for a rehabilitative model in the development of a new jail to replace

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the Oahu Community Correctional Center. Your Committee further finds that, in 2022, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation contracted with the University of Hawaii Community Design Center to develop a proof-of-concept study titled *Breaking Cycles: Alternative Models for Rehabilitative and Restorative Justice on O'ahu*, which builds upon a broad range of prior efforts. The *Breaking Cycles* study engaged extensively with community members, advocates, and stakeholders over a two-year period. The study produced a comprehensive framework for incarceration that could be implemented to reduce recidivism and support successful reintegration into the community. Your Committee further finds that this measure will continue to build on the findings and recommendations of the study and further advance restorative justice in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 89, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 89 SDI	Committee Referral: PBC, JHA	Date: 4/22/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
5. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
6. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				✓
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
8. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
9. GARCIA, Diamond			✓	
10. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8	0	1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>David Tarnas</u>				
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