

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 12, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2945

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2945 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRISONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Public Safety to adopt a policy to mandate all inmates to participate in in-facility workline programs.

Additionally, this measure:

- (1) Directs the Department to increase the scope and number of its in-facility workline programs; and
- (2) Appropriates funds for the Department to develop and operate in-facility workline programs at each correctional facility and in-community workline projects throughout the State.

Testimony in support of the measure was received from the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii and a concerned citizen. The Department of Public Safety supported the intent of the bill.

Your Committee finds that in-facility and in-community workline programs and projects will prepare offenders for successful reentry into the community by providing them with meaningful job training. Vocational training and work opportunities have been shown to reduce recidivism and to assist



offenders in reuniting with their families and rejoining the community.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2945 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,



CINDY EVANS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2945	Committee Referral: PSM FIN	Date: 2/7/08		
<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)				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	X			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	X			
3. LEE, Marilyn B.	X			
4. LUKE, Sylvia	X			
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	X			
6. NAKASONE, Bob				X
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	X			
8. SONSON, Alex M.	X			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	X			
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	X			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	X			
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn		X		
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	X			
TOTAL (13)	11	1		1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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