

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1103

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 5
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 5
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Help offenders:
 - (A) Reconcile with their victims; and
 - (B) Plan for their reintegration into the community;and
- (2) Empower victims to make decisions to repair the harm caused by offenders,

by appropriating funds and requiring the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to expand the Restorative Circles Pilot Program (Program), found to be successful at the Waiawa Correctional Facility, to other correctional facilities statewide.

The Community Alliance on Prisons and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. DPS supported the intent of this measure.

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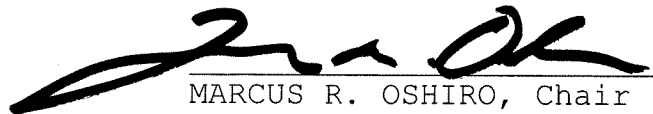


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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 H.B. No. 5, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 5, H.D. 1.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



