

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote: 9 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Barker
Nays: 0
Exc.: Whisnant
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Meeting Dates: 4/10, 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs State Court Administrator to implement pilot program in one circuit court based on Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE) program for purpose of evaluating program's effectiveness in decreasing drug abuse, increasing compliance with terms of probation and reducing recidivism. Requires administrator to conduct study of pilot program using rigorous evaluation. Sunsets January 2012. Delays implementation if funding is not available. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recidivism
- Impact on community
- Expansion to include other crimes
- Applicability to prison eligible crimes
- Current treatment programs and models in place
- Funding

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Delays implementation if funding is not available.

BACKGROUND: As federal stimulus money is made available for criminal justice programs, the HOPE program could be implemented as one alternative to sending offenders to prison. One population that may be addressed by the HOPE program is the non-repeat property offenders (REPO) sentenced under Ballot Measure 57.