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COMMENTS ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 140

By

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House Committee Public Safety
Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
Representative Henry J. C. Aquino, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 2, 2009; 9:30AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Representative Hanohano, Representative Aquino, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) provides **comments** regarding House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 140, which requests the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the costs and benefits of building an intake correctional facility in the District of North or South Kona on the Island of Hawaii.

The PSD will fully cooperate with the Legislative Reference Bureau. However, in these extremely challenging fiscal times, we all have a shared responsibility to ensure that our taxpayer dollars, including our government resources are used for those items and services that are the most critical to the people of Hawaii. Given that HCR 140 is clearly not one of critical importance when weighed against the difficult financial challenges the state is experiencing, it may not be prudent to undertake the study at this time.

Finally, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.

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Testimony

HCR140

**REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A
STUDY ON THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF BUILDING AN INTAKE
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THE DISTRICT OF NORTH OR SOUTH KONA ON
THE ISLAND OF HAWAII**

Testimony by the Legislative Reference Bureau
Ken H. Takayama, Director

Presented to the House Committee on Public Safety

Thursday, April 2, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
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Chair Hanohano and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on House Concurrent Resolution 140. The Bureau takes **no position** either for or against the measure, but offers the following **comments**:

1. The measure requests the Legislative Reference Bureau to study the costs and benefits of building an intake correctional facility in North or South Kona on the island of Hawaii.
2. From a general standpoint, the study requested in this measure appears to be manageable. If the Legislature really wants us to do this study, we will do it to the best of our ability.
3. Our understanding of the study requested in this concurrent resolution is that its central issue is not the construction of a particular facility on a particular site or location, so much as the concept having such a facility in West Hawaii and the potential savings in transportation costs, staff time, and other benefits that might be derived from having the facility.
4. As a practical matter, any or at least most information contained in the study in a number of areas will likely need to come from the Department of Public Safety. Therefore, the assistance and cooperation of the Department of Public Safety will be critical.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.