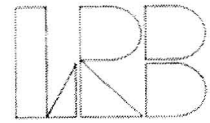


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**REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE  
FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A PRISON AT THE STATE QUARANTINE  
STATION AT HALAWA, OAHU**

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.  
Conference Room 309

Chair Hanohano and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on House Resolution No. 153. 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 feasibility of constructing a prison at the site of the state quarantine station at Halawa, Oahu.
2. From a general standpoint, the study requested in this measure appears to be manageable. And if the Legislature really wants us to do this study, we will do it to the best of our ability. However, certain caveats need to be mentioned:
  - a. The staff of the Bureau is generally geared to do work on policy issues. We do not have expertise in such areas as engineering or construction.
  - b. By definition, any study we do would tend to focus upon issues of which we believe that the Legislature should be made aware.
  - c. Any information included in the study concerning any prison to be constructed will likely need to come from the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.