

SB 231

Measure Title:

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Report Title:

Adult Offenders; Transfer Fees; Probation Services Special Fund

Description:

Authorizes judiciary fees on parolee and probationer's prison transfer applications to be deposited into the probation services special fund. Authorizes full-time coordinator position for the state council for interstate adult offender supervision to be paid from the probation services special fund. Limits expenditures from the probation services special fund to \$400, 000 every fiscal year.



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Senator Will Espero, Chair

Senator Robert Bunda, Vice Chair

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State Capitol, Conference Room 229

by

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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 231, Relating to Public Safety

Purpose: This bill authorizes the interstate application transfer fee to be deposited into the Judiciary's probation services special fund. It also authorizes a full-time coordinator position that oversees the transfer of probationers and parolees through the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision to be paid from the probation services special fund. It also limits expenditures from the probation services special fund to \$400,000 every fiscal year.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary strongly supports Senate Bill No. 231, Relating to Public Safety. During the 2008 Legislative session, Act 172, 2008 SLH (SB2083 SD2 HD1 CD1) was passed creating a full-time coordinator position for the supervision of adult offenders to be appointed by the Judiciary. This position was designed to handle all of the Interstate Compact matters pertaining to the transfer of probationers and parolees between states to insure public safety. It is essential for the Interstate Office to have a full time coordinator because much of the correspondence between Hawaii and the mainland is time-sensitive and needs to be processed quickly to insure that Hawaii is abiding by the rules of the interstate compact. Although the position was created, there was no funding for the coordinator in the previous bill. This bill provides funding for the position through the probation services fee fund. This bill also authorizes the application fee paid by a parolee or probationer for a transfer out of the state to be deposited into the probation services special fund to support this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 231.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 231
RELATING TO ADULT OFFENDERS; TRANSFER FEES
AND PROBATION SERVICES SPECIAL FUND

HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY
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Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
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Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Paroling Authority supports Senate Bill 231 which allows interstate compact transfer fees that are collected from probationers and parolees to be deposited into the probation services special fund. The position for a full-time interstate compact coordinator was established last year, however, the position has not been filled due to lack of funding. This bill will ensure funding for this position and provide the resource the compact office needs to be in compliance with the interstate rules.

Thank you this opportunity to testify and we ask for your support in passing this bill.