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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 154
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO WORK WITH
THE FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER IN HONOLULU TO RESTORE INMATE
WORKLINES AT THE CENTER.**

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

Thursday, March 18, 2010; 9:00AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) thanks the legislature for their interest in restoring inmate work lines at the Federal Detention Center Honolulu.

It should be noted that the FDC does provides several in facility work line opportunities for offenders housed at that facility. The community (outside facility) work lines comprised of State inmates housed at the FDC were recently suspended due to attempted by inmates to smuggle contraband into the facility. The community work lines were appropriately halted while an investigation was conducted.

The investigation has been completed and the FDC has decided not to restart the community work lines with State inmates. Therefore, PSD has notified

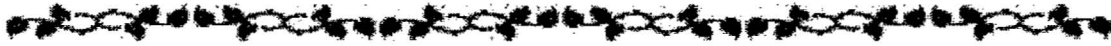
the FDC of our intentions to relocate those inmates that were participating in the community work lines that were not involved in the attempts to smuggle contraband into the facility back to our State facilities with the goal of restarting the two inmate work lines in the near future. Also, it should be noted that when it comes to the security of the FDC, PSD does not have authority or jurisdiction to dictate what programs or activities occur.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HCR 154, which the Department believes is unnecessary as we have already addressed this matter with the FDC and have decided to restart the two inmate work lines from our State facilities.

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SUPPORT - HCR 154 - Reinstating worklines at the Federal Detention Center

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Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a diverse community initiative working to improve conditions of confinement for Hawai'i's incarcerated individuals, enhance the quality of justice, and promote public safety by supporting smart justice policies. We come today to speak for the 6,000+ individuals whose voices have been silenced by incarceration, always mindful that almost 2,000 of those individuals are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles from their homes and loved ones.

HCR 154 urges the Department of Public Safety to work with the Federal detention Center (FDC) in Honolulu to restore inmate worklines.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports this measure.

PSD has said that the individuals at the FDC are nearing release, so reinstating worklines for those near completion of their sentence would be a good reentry strategy.

Worklines benefit both the incarcerated individual and the community. In this economy, worklines can help government meet the needs of the people. At Kulani, the worklines helped develop marketable job skills such as automotive repair, road paving, construction, etc. These skills helped individuals successfully reenter the community and secure jobs that pay a decent wage.

Worklines ease the difficult transition for individuals reentering the community by introducing individuals into community settings. Worklines are a win-win situation for all, especially in this economy!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

The current and future benefits provided Worklines far exceeds any possible benefit you think you might gain from stopping this project. Think about long term gain.

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STRONG SUPPORT for HCR 154, URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO WORK WITH THE FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER IN HONOLULU TO RESTORE INMATE WORKLINES AT THE CENTER

Dear Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Aquino, and Committee Members:

This resolution is so sorely needed to help the inmates reintegrate into the community and develop skills. In the process of helping them, the community benefits by their working on State and City projects which can be done cheaply not impacting the budget in any way as if it been contracted out.

Releasing inmates without any skills will make it that much more difficult for them to find employment when they already have a mark against them as having a prison record.

I ask for your support in passing this resolution.

Aloha and mahalo,

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