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To: Representative Faye Hanohano, Chair
Representative Henry Aquino, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Public Safety

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Executive Director

RE: HCR 154 (Restoration of Worklines)
Hearing: Thursday, March 18, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Room 309

Position: Support

The Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i writes in support of HCR 154 which urges the Department of Public Safety to restore inmate worklines at the Federal Detention Center (FDC) in Honolulu.

Worklines help individuals in their successful reintegration into the community. The now-closed Kulani facility was a work camp where inmates there developed job skills useful after their release such as automotive repair, road paving, and construction. Since some individuals were sent to FDC from Kulani, and some individuals at FDC are preparing for reentry, according to DPS, it makes sense that worklines be reinstated at FDC.

We urge the passage of this resolution. Thank you for allowing us to testify in support of this measure.

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