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Sen. Will Espero, Chair

Sen. Robert Bunda, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 5, 2009

1:15 PM

Room 229

SUPPORT

SB 149 - Correctional Industries

PSMTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda and Members of the Committee!

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

SB 149 establishes a correctional industries work program to allow work lines to rehabilitate existing state-owned lo-income housing units and grounds.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this measure. When Hawai'i sent our first 300 men to Texas, they built the prison there! Many incarcerated individuals have told us that they want to give back to the community and would love to build or refurbish housing and schools.

Any program that can help individuals acquire marketable job skills, especially in the construction trade because of the stimulus packages being presented in Hawai'i and at the federal level, is a great way to reduce recidivism and facilitates successful reentry.

Please pass SB 149.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



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Honorable Senator Will Espero, Chair
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RE: **IN OPPOSITION OF SB149**
 RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES
 Hearing: Thursday, February 5, 2009, 1:15 p.m.

MALCOLM K. AHLG
 Sergeant-At-Arms
 Carpet, Linoleum, & Soft Tile
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Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda and the Senate Committee on Public
 Safety and Military Affairs:

REGINALD CASTANARES
 Trustee
 Plumbers & Fitters Local 675

For the Record my name is Buzz Hong the Executive Director for
 the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Our
 Council is comprised of 16-construction unions and a membership
 of 26,000 statewide.

HADDEUS TOMEI
 Labor Constructors Local 126

The Council OPPOSES the passage of SB149 that establishes a
 correctional industries work program to allow inmate work lines to
 rehabilitate existing state-owned low-income public housing units
 and grounds.

JOSEPH BAZEMORE
 Drywall, Tapers, & Finishers
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in
 opposition of SB149.

RICHARD TAGGERE
 Welders, Architectural Metal &
 Ironworkers Local Union 1089

Sincerely,

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