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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 44 SD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

by

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House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports this measure and appreciates that Senate Bill 44 SD1 allows PSD to combine multiple reports into one comprehensive annual report that contains information the Legislature requests on a regular basis. However, there is one area where PSD requests an amendment in this measure. On page 2 line 13, under Section 353, this measure requires an annual corrections and program report. This measure also calls for a report on page 4, line 1, under Section 353H, which could be construed to be a separate report and undermine the intent of this measure. We ask that the language on Page 4, lines 1 through 7 be deleted, to clarify that there will be one comprehensive annual report.

PSD supports this measure with our request for the one amendment.

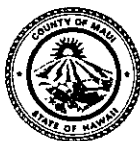
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Thank you for this opportunity to testify and we ask that this bill be amended as requested.

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TO: The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa
Council Member

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 30, 2011; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 44 S.D. 1,
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure requires the department of public safety to establish performance indicators for inmate reentry system and requires reports, using key performance indicators, to be provided to the legislature. Creates the corrections and program report as a consolidated report of certain other annual reports.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

Community Alliance on Prisons (CAP) is in strong support of this measure. They support consolidating the reports and using performance indicators throughout the department's reporting.

CAP believes that this type of tracking will improve the quality of justice in Hawai'i, save money, and further the outcomes we all desire – safe and healthy communities.

CAP is also requesting that the effective date be changes to 'upon approval' since this type of reporting will not only help the department determine how they are doing, but will make it more clear for the legislature to determine the effectiveness of the policies they pass.

I appreciate the opportunity to present supporting testimony on the proposed measure.

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Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

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Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Room 308

10:00 a.m.

STRONG SUPPORT

SB 44 SD1 - PSD REPORTING USING PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony>

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative working on justice issues in Hawai'i for more than a decade. We respectfully offer our testimony always being mindful that Hawai'i has some 6,000 people behind bars including approximately 1,800 individuals serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles away from their loved ones and homes - and for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians - far from their ancestral lands.

SB 44 SD1 requires the department of public safety to establish performance indicators for inmate reentry system and requires reports, using key performance indicators, to be provided to the legislature. Creates the corrections and program report as a consolidated report of certain other annual reports.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this measure. We support consolidating the reports and using performance indicators throughout the department's reporting.

Every business that wants to succeed sets some measurement or evaluation for positive outcomes. By tracking not just the programs, but the success rate of participants, it is easier to gauge success and facilitate improvements and course corrections can be thoughtfully planned using performance indicators.

A report from the Pew Center recommends developing performance measures that matter. <http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/GPP.PSPPFinal.pdf>

Meaningful performance measures, including authentic outcome data, are helping state corrections managers and policy makers make better decisions.

A number of states have begun implementing the uniform performance measures developed by the Association of State Corrections Administrators (ASCA), which has standardized the definitions of key measures. Begun with just six states (Washington, Ohio, Iowa, Louisiana, South Carolina and Pennsylvania), this effort now includes reporting from 36 jurisdictions on a variety of output and outcome measures.

Uniform measures help the field define its standards of performance, compare among jurisdictions and track progress. Measures gauge institutional and public safety, through variables such as assaults on staff and recidivism; substance abuse; mental health and academic assistance, through variables such as needs Assessment, programming, and participation and completion rates; and contextual information, including offender profiles.

More innovative states have begun to use outcome measures that judge the effect of policies on inmates in order to inform funding decisions.

Community Alliance on Prisons believes that this type of tracking will improve the quality of justice in Hawai'i, save money, and further the outcomes we all desire - safe and healthy communities.

We also hope that you change the effective date to 'upon approval' since this type of reporting will not only help the department determine how they are doing, but will make it more clear for the legislature to determine the effectiveness of the policies they pass.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this important bill

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Dedicated to safe, responsible, and effective drug policies since 1993

TO: House Committee on Finance

FROM: Pamela Lichty, MPH
President

DATE: March 30, 2011, 10 a.m., room 308

RE: S.B. 44, SD 1 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY – **IN STRONG
SUPPORT**

Aloha Representatives Oshiro, Lee and members of the Committee. My name is Pam Lichty and I'm testifying in support of this measure on behalf of the Drug Policy Action Group.

The thrust of this bill – to develop and implement performance indicators for our corrections system - makes a great deal of sense. These kind of standards and the outcomes they reveal are urgently needed to help corrections officials and policy makers develop cost effective programs addressing such diverse needs as substance abuse, mental health services and reentry criteria for our corrections population.

Please pass this measure so that Hawai'i can join the other progressive states that are using standard indicators to evaluate their policies and programs and prepare for future needs. It should go without saying that such indicators will save the department and the state money down the road.

Thank you for hearing this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify in support.



Committee: Committee on Finance
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 30, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 308
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of S.B. 44, SD1,
Relating to Public Safety

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii ("ACLU of Hawaii") writes in support of S.B. 44, SD1, Relating to Public Safety, which seeks to require the Department of Public Safety to establish performance indicators for inmate reentry.

Requiring performance indicators will help to ensure that the Department of Public Safety is held accountable for implementing and managing reentry programs, and will ultimately ensure that Hawaii's inmates are successfully reintegrated into the community. S.B. 44, SD1, will also help to ensure that our limited resources are being spent effectively and efficiently.

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 45 years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT this measure and ask for your consideration for its passage.

My testimony was submitted to the PGM and PBM committees.

Again, without rewards for good behavior, there is no motivation. We build up self-esteem in the schools. In the prison, we tear down every aspect of it and good behavior counts for nothing.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.
Our Aloha state cannot continue to not look to ways of decreasing our inmate population.