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**HB2848**  
**RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**  
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 15, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Room 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following comments on HB2848, which urges the Department of Public Safety to report on the possibility of using the former Kulani prison facility as a pu`uhonua or wellness center.

OHA's 2010 report, "The Disparate Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System," and the recently completed study by the Justice Reinvestment Initiative indicate that there is a clear need for smart justice solutions that include rehabilitation.

The closing of Kulani was a shock to the justice community. It was done on short notice and shut down one of the few effective sex offender treatment programs in the state. The closing of the facility needs to be explained in a public forum before further resources can be committed to this facility. Otherwise, the community will not be able to trust that this new center will be a reliable neighbor.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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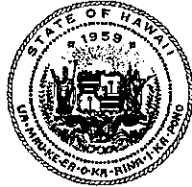
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2848 HD1  
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

by

Jodie F. Maesaka-Hirata, Director  
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House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair  
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) appreciates the intent of House Bill 2848 HD1. The future of Kulani Correctional Facility has yet to be determined; therefore, PSD appreciates the allowance to consider site options on all islands in determining a viable and ideal location for a wellness center.

PSD believes we may have an opportunity to incorporate this program into the Justice Reinvestment Initiatives (JRI). The goal of JRI is to manage and allocate criminal justice populations and spending more cost-effectively, thereby generating cost-savings that can be reinvested through the development of alternative treatment programs to deter crime without jeopardizing public safety.

PSD is in the process of developing its strategic plan. It is through this process that PSD will develop and address the programmatic needs for Hawaii's offenders, which may include the Pu'uhoonua concept. Programs relating to at-risk youth and families, inclusive of early childhood development and substance abuse related programs will be considered during program development. PSD appreciates the opportunity to seek the input of subject matter experts in the Departments of Human Services and Health, as

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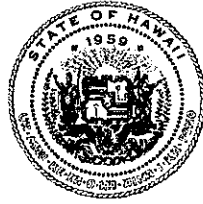
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**STATE OF HAWAII  
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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2012  
9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2848, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

House Bill 2848, House Draft 1 proposes to require the Department of Public Safety (PSD) to plan for a model wellness center that employs native Hawaiian cultural practices on State lands, giving preference to the site formerly used as the Kulani Correctional Facility, but providing that PSD may also consider site options on all islands in determining a viable and ideal location for the wellness center. The House Draft 1 provided further that PSD seek the input of the Departments of Human Services, Health, Hawaiian Home Lands, and Office of Hawaiian affairs in its planning and in determining a site for the wellness center. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers comments on the proposal and defers to PSD on the feasibility and details of plans for such a model wellness center.

1. The Department notes that the former Kulani Correctional Facility is surrounded by lands currently in the Natural Areas Reserve System (NARS) and other forestry lands.
2. Approximately 279.76 acres, constituting the footprint of the former Kulani Correctional Facility, is currently being used by the Department of Defense, under a revocable permit, for the Hawaii Youth Challenge Academy (HYCA).
3. The Department enjoys an ongoing and productive association with HYCA and is working together to develop a natural resource management curriculum that may be incorporated into their program.
4. If HYCA elects to relocate their campus to another location, the Department prefers to develop the facilities at Kulani, including the existing structures of the former correctional facility, into a world class environmental, educational, and outdoor recreation center with guest accommodations for overnight or longer stays.

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well as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its planning phase for determining a site for a wellness center.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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**TESTIMONY ON HB 2848 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

February 15, 2012

9:00 am

Conference Rm. 329

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice-Chair Lee, and members of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. **My name is Stephen Morse, and I am here today to support HB 2848** wearing two hats, one as the Executive Director of Blueprint for Change (BFC), and the other as the President and board member of a relatively new non-profit organization called, "Hawaii Prison News."

Members, for the record, BFC is the fiscal, technical, and administrative support entity for five Neighborhood Place centers statewide that provide support and strengthening services to families at risk of child abuse and neglect under a POS contract with the Department of Human Services. Our Neighborhood Place programs are unique among CAN prevention programs for two reasons: (1) they are the only places where children and families at risk of child abuse and neglect can get services without a referral or appointment and by simply knocking on the door; and (2) because many of the children and families we serve are Native Hawaiian, the NP services are culturally congruent, and for the most part, non-clinical.

Sadly, one of the biggest risk factors for child neglect in the Native Hawaiian families we serve is that one or both parents are absent because of incarceration. If we are going to break the cycle of incarceration and prevent the generational neglect of children within these families, we need to successfully reintegrate incarcerated parents into society, and more importantly, with their families and children. The present system is not working for Native Hawaiians. It is a revolving door for far too many offenders and ex-offenders. It's time we turn to more traditional ways to rehabilitate our pa`ahao, ways to help them heal and find their productive selves.

I'm also here to support the bill on behalf of Hawaii Prison News, a program that was formed by Hawaii prisoners incarcerated at Saguaro Community Correctional Center in Eloy, Arizona, for the benefit of Hawaii prisoners everywhere. Several years ago when I was employed as the Lead Human Services Advocate for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, pa`ahao from Saguaro corresponded with me, asking for OHA's help to advocate for Hawaiian programs at Saguaro, including the establishment of a pu`uhonua facility that was separate but part of Saguaro CCC.

In trying to broaden support for these programs, I was able to contact at least 40 representatives of local prison advocacy and ministry groups, all of whom advocated for prison reform and the implementation of Hawaiian programs for Native Hawaiian offenders. In May 2008, with OHA's support, we brought all of these prison advocates and ministers together for the first time in an `Aha. The testimony from these advocates, several of whom are in this room today, was powerful.

After I retired from OHA in late 2008, pa`ahao at Saguaro called and asked me to help develop Hawaii Prison News on the outside. We will be printing and distributing Volume 1 of a Hawaii Prison News newsletter by the end of the month. We are attempting to distribute this newsletter to all prisoners incarcerated in local correctional facilities and at Saguaro. We hope this newsletter will be one of several new programs developed by HPN that will help successfully reintegrate Hawaii offenders and ex-offenders.



In conclusion, and the point I'm trying to make in this testimony is that there is tremendous support for the idea of developing pu`uhonua in our prison system within the community, and most importantly, among those who will be served within the pu`uhonua, the pa`ahao themselves. We stand ready to work with the Legislature and executive branch of government to make the plan called for in HB 2848 a reality.

Aloha and Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to testify this afternoon.

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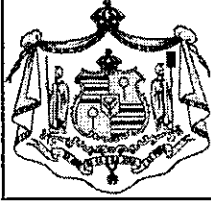
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Comments:



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TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

### **HOUSE BILL 2848 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

**COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday; February 15, 2012; 9:00 a.m.; Rm. 329**

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs speaking in support of this bill that would provide cultural models for rehabilitation of the incarcerated.

House Bill 2848 provides for a plan that incorporates elements of well recognized native Hawaiian cultural practices as a means to restore the overall well-being of individuals, families and the native Hawaiian community.

Members of my organization have shown interest in a cultural approach to rehabilitation and have supported a resolution expressing similar ideas. We also call your attention to a prototype program that was carried on by Kupuna in Hilo a few years ago sponsored by ALU LIKE, Inc.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Comments:**

The need for a palce for prison community to re-establish cultural identity is more crucial than ever. Please pass this bill and make sure it becomes law, so that we can bring fathers and mothers together with sons and daughters.

Mahalo nui,

Daniel Anthony

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Comments:  
We support this measure

## **TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2848 HD1, RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

**House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair  
Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 9:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

Honorable Chair Hanohano and committee members,

We are Aupuni O Hawaii with voices in the Hawaiian Islands for we are a stalwart advocate for the betterment of native Hawaiians. We believe in nonpartisanship when it comes to working with governmental agencies on the issue of mental, spiritual, and physical health with the native Hawaiians. This measure speaks to the heart of our welfare within our communities for we all have love one in dire need of help but at times to no avail, they face incarceration and become the high statistical measure that is stated in this bill.

With the help of 'Ohana Ho'opakele in the implementation of restorative justice, this organization should be the forefront model for every pa'ahao for the Native Hawaiians within this system. However we feel that a community base program is also needed to be part of this restoration event. A community programs caliber would consist of pre-incarceration curriculum, a support group during the wellness center intervention, and when the former incarcerated is back in his or her community that a continuance of the program would strengthen his or her life-goals. We pray you take notice of this gesture.

We support this measure and don't forget the families for they're too are incarcerated, thank you for the opportunity in testifying.

Me ka Ha'aha'a  
Samson and Bill Brown  
Aupuni O Hawaii, Board Members

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**Comments:**

Aloha my name is Robert Petricci. I am asking you to please support HB2848 HD1 directing the Department of Public Safety to work with Ohana Ho`opakele and other restorative justice groups to prepare a plan for the creation of a pu`uhonua, or wellness center, on lands owned or controlled by the State, giving preference to the site formerly used as the Kulani correctional facility.

Our prisons have become a revolving door, we need to find a way to integrate people back into society in ways that helps prevent them returning to the prison system. Continuing to warehouse people puts our community's at risk when they are released. We need programs that will reduce recidivism, Please support this bill and this effort to find a better way to deal with our ever growing prison population. Thank you

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Comments:  
Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony!



## **COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair

Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 15, 2012; 9:00 AM; Room 329, State Capitol

**SUPPORT HB 2848**

**RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

Requires the Department of Public Safety to plan for a model wellness center that employs native Hawaiian cultural practices on state land and to submit a report to the legislature prior to the 2013 legislative session.

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs! My name is Samuel Kaleleiki, Jr., President of Ohana Hoopakele, an organization dedicated to rescuing our *pa`ahao* or incarcerated brothers and sisters in prison. Our vision is to build a *Pu`uhonua* or a Wellness Center that heals rather than punishes. We have been sending spiritual advisors to lead our *pa`ahao* in the Makahiki ceremonies in the past at Diamondback prison in Watonga, Oklahoma and just last week, at Saguaro prison in Eloy, Arizona and at FCI Safford in Safford, Arizona.

We first want to commend the Representatives who re-introduced this bill to this session of the State legislature. Our members of Ohana Ho`opakele began by opposing the building of new prisons on Hawai`i Island because it was incarcerating mainly Kanaka Maoli. However, we realized that we couldn't just be opposed to something but had to find the solutions. After research on what would heal our Kanaka Maoli, we realized that the solution lay in what the Kanaka Maoli did a long time ago. The model for healing was the *Pu`uhonua* or wellness center where *ho`oponopono* and *aloha aina* were the principal values. Our research led to some funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs which has resulted in a Feasibility Study of a *Pu`uhonua* written by consultant Ms. Chelle Shand Pahinui. We also completed with the help of funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a complete needs assessment complete with a survey conducted among our *pa`ahao*, ex-*pa`ahao*, families of *pa`ahao*, cultural practitioners and the general public. It is time to test this model. It cannot be done without the support of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Hawaii. Even within the State of Hawaii Public Prosecutors office, there has been a long-time task force on restorative justice. A prison system built upon the philosophy of punishment is NOT a solution.

The premises at Kulani Correctional Facility are almost perfect for a *Pu`uhonua* or a wellness center. There is adequate land there for a model *Pu`uhonua* even while continuing a correctional facility. The infrastructure is more than adequate. The staff has been involved in healing for many years. Notable among this was the program initiated by Warden Peter McDonald modeled after the Life Stand program of Neal Wagatsuma at the Kauai Correctional Center. ACOs like Mr. Ikaika Dombriquez are trained by Kupuna Sam Lono in the cultural and spiritual practices of the ancient Kanaka Maoli traditions.

There are other lands under the control of the Department of Public Safety that

would also make ideal locations for a Pu`uhonua. One site in East Hawai`i is Field 33 which is just above the zoo in Hilo on Stainback Highway.

Our organization has been developing the curriculum for the Pu`uhonua by sending spiritual leaders to lead our pa`ahao in the opening and closing Makahiki ceremonies every year since 2004 at Diamondback Correctional Facility in Watonga, OK and continuing to the present when the men were transferred to Saguaro Correctional Facility in Eloy, AZ. Last week we sent Mr. Kini Kaleilani Burke to lead a Makahiki Closing Ceremony at both Saguaro Correctional Facility at Eloy, AZ and for the first time at FCI Safford at Safford, AZ.

If you would take the time to visit our website at [www.ohanahoopakele.org](http://www.ohanahoopakele.org), you will see a Kahea (Call) to Support Pu`uhonua as an Alternative to Prison. The Kahea reads, "We support the mission of `Ohana Ho`opakele (To Rescue the Family) in establishing Pu`uhonua (Decentralized Wellness Centers – residential and non-residential) on all islands as an alternative to building more prisons. Pu`uhonua are places open to all, not just Kanaka Maoli, where the traditional ho`oponopono process of making right will be used to help heal individuals, families, and communities. We believe Pu`uhonua centers are for the good of all Hawai`i's people and can provide real hope in saving money, reducing recidivism, crime prevention, and long-term positive change." There are presently 530 people who have signed on to this Kahea. They include Kanaka Maoli leaders, cultural practitioners, university professors, social workers, religious leaders, lawyers, one county councilman and even two pa`ahao leaders in Saguaro Correctional Facility.

With the assistance of Kumu Richard and Lynette Paglinawan Ohana Ho`opakele has continued to conduct ho`oponopono training sessions and have recently met with leadership at Hale Nani Correctional Facility in East Hawai`i to begin the process of conducting ho`oponopono sessions with pa`ahao and family members on a voluntary basis even before their release from incarceration. This is a specific step in working together with the Department of Public Safety to work toward wellness employing Kanaka Maoli cultural practices.

Our Governor has promised to bring back the 1,700 or so pa`ahao from Arizona. This is an opportune time to plan for a model Pu`uhonua that employs Kanaka Maoli cultural practices. Again, congratulations for introducing this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of our members of Ohana Ho`opakele and on behalf of our *pa`ahao* who have been and are presently incarcerated both here in Hawaii and in Arizona. You can contact me by my cell at 808-937-7193. I would be glad to fly over to Honolulu to meet the members of your committees to answer questions. Mahalo!

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Aloha kakou,

I testify in support of HB2848 for a wellness center/Pu'uhonua open to all at the Kulani prison site. This is a very positive alternative to building more prisons that has the best hope of healing people and our communities, while saving money and reducing recidivism.

Mahalo.

Jim Albertini

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House Bill 2848 H.D. 1, Relating to Public Safety  
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair  
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chair  
Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

This testimony is in support of HB 2848 H.D.1, which directs the Department of Public Safety to prepare a plan for the creation of a pu`uhonua, or wellness center on lands owned or controlled by the State, giving preference to the site formerly used as the Kulani Correctional Facility on the island of Hawaii.

This proposal is worthy of your consideration for several reasons. First, it would provide alternative programming for a significant portion of the correctional population. It has been well known for many years that Native Hawaiians are over-represented in this population. An intervention based on Hawaiian cultural practice could be effective for this as well as others who embrace these values.

Such a program would also help inmates prepare for reentry, as they would be learning and living in a community and in accordance with values that would prepare them for more respectful lives. And finally, the possibility that such a program could be placed at Kulani is exciting, given Kulani's long and honored history as an integral part of our correctional history.

For these reasons, I urge your favorable consideration of this bill.

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**Comments:**

I fully support this bill because more traditional rehabilitative programs need to be implemented in our current correctional process.

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Comments:

Aloha,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this forward-thinking bill.

I strongly support any efforts towards the creation of a wellness center based on traditional Hawaiian values, practices and protocols.

I would also support amending the bill to require the identification of sites for pu'uhonua/wellness centers on every island so that families and friends have greater access to loved ones in the system, furthering the aims of this bill.

Aloha,  
Amy K. Brinker

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## COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Faye Hanohano, Chair

Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Room 329

## STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB 2848 HD1 - ESTABLISHING PU`UHONUA ON EACH ISLAND

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chairs Lee and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies for more than a decade. This testimony is respectfully offered, always being mindful that 6,000 Hawai'i individuals are living behind bars, including 1,800 men who are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

HB 2848 HD1 requires PSD to plan for a model wellness center that employs Native Hawaiian practices on state land and to submit a report to the legislature prior to the 2013 legislative session.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this bill. The majority of our incarcerated population is Native Hawaiian and establishing a Pu`uhonua/wellness center acknowledges that using traditional practices is a way that will resonate with and restore an individual.

The HD1 allows the department flexibility as to the locations, yet we assert that Kulani has been in operation for 70 years and would be a quick-start. We are, however, open to other locations on all the islands. For example Field 33 located just below Kulani would be an ideal location on Hawai'i island. Perhaps using some of the acreage surrounding Waiawa would be another suggestion for O`ahu.

Community Alliance on Prisons suggests that the committee urge the department to bring practitioners and other interested parties to the table to discuss how this could best be accomplished. There are many individuals and organizations in the community that want to help. Let's get the best thinking on this to make it happen.

Healing an individual is more effective than punishment and many misinterpret healing as not holding the individual accountable. This is not true. Ho`oponopono (to make right) is based on accepting responsibility and helping to rebuild and restore relationships. Using practices that connect individuals to the `aina, their `ohana, and the larger community is vital to what this session of the legislature strives for...strengthening families and reducing recidivism.

`Ohana Ho`opakele, led by Kupuna Sam Kaleliki as well as other kūpuna and other concerned community members has been working on developing Pu`uhonua/wellness centers for more than a decade. We applaud their perseverance and their commitment to heal the people and the land.

We are pleased to see this bill moving and we urge you, as policymakers, to encourage the department to work on real alternatives to incarceration and reentry that have been used and proven. Our host culture holds many answers to healing our community and it is about time we listen to their wisdom!

We urge the committee to pass this important bill. We need to find alternative means to reintegrate our people who have lost their way. Establishing Pu`uhonua is a wonderful way to rebuild our communities.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our thoughts on this important measure.

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