



Committee: Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 9:35 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of S.B. 2848, H.D.3, S.D.1
Relating to Public Safety

Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

The ACLU of Hawaii supports S.B. 2848 and every effort to develop programs and policies that are more cost-efficient and more effective at reducing recidivism than incarceration. Every effort should be made to provide Hawaii's inmates with the support and services they need to become productive and responsible community members.

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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STRONG SUPPORT for HB 2848 HD3,SD1 - PU`UHONUA

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Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

I apologize for the late testimony but want to express my strong support for HB 2848 HD 3, SD1 - Pu`uhonua. There is little I can say that would add to the wise testimony you have already received from so many knowledgeable people, so i will just urge you to pass this bill.

Aloha,

Robert Merce