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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN DESIGNATE
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON **HB 313, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS**

February 3, 2011

Chair Aquino, Vice-Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the purpose and intent of HB 313 which establishes a pilot program aimed at reducing recidivism while preserving and restoring significant Native Hawaiian cultural sites.

This pilot program has incredible potential to support the successful transition of inmates from prison to their communities while establishing (or re-establishing) a connection to Hawaiian culture. Several of our beneficiaries and their families would likely benefit from this type of support system. While we realize the benefit of this pilot program, we defer to our sister agency, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to determine the feasibility and fiscal impact of this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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HB 313
RELATING TO CORRECTIONS
House Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

February 3, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Room 309

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following comments on HB 313. This bill reduces appropriations to OHA in order to fund a rehabilitation program for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) that provides for non-violent inmates to participate in the preservation and restoration of historic Hawaiian sites located in rural districts.

OHA recognizes the value of culturally appropriate programs to assisting incarcerated individuals with rehabilitation and reintegration into the community. In the past, OHA has supported cultural programming for incarcerated individuals (or pa`ahao) and reintegration efforts. Important service providers such as MEOBest, T.J. Mahoneys, and Hina Mauka have all received OHA grant resources previously to support Native Hawaiian pa`ahao. OHA's recent report, "The Disparate Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System", further confirm that culturally appropriate programs, like the one suggested in this bill, help pa`ahao rehabilitate and reenter the community.

We do, however, have very strong reservations with the means utilized to fund this program since general fund resources utilized for this program offset or reduce general fund resources allocated to OHA for its programs. This bill, then, does not expand resources for pa`ahao, it simply reallocates existing resources away from OHA to the Department of Public Safety. Since more services are needed, we strongly encourage the Committee to fund this program without incorporating the offset to OHA general revenue resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this legislation.

LATE TESTIMONY

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Rep. Henry Aquino, Chair

Rep. Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 3, 2011

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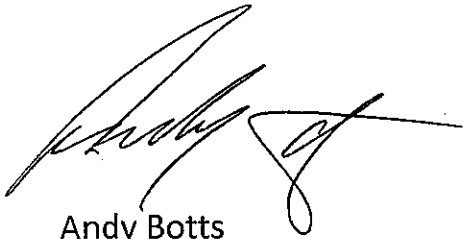
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I support the intent of this bill, however, this and other similar programs can and have been created and implemented by the Dept of Public Safety. A re-entry bill and many others have been passed but not implemented, including the Correctional Master Plan of 1972 that paved the way for OCCC, with emphasis on non-prison programs.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Botts', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andy Botts

CRASH SCENE — A Marine stands guard in the dense thicket at Barbers Point Naval Air Station where two officers died in the crash of a Kaneohe-based Marine Corps Phantom jet fighter yesterday. A portion of the wreckage is indicated by arrow. (Story on page B-5.) — Navy Photo.

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State Law Agency Backs LATE TESTIMONY Liberal Corrections Plan

By Leonard D. Ash
Star-Bulletin Writer

A unique correctional master plan for Hawaii, which would do away with the State Prison, won approval of the State Law Enforcement and Juvenile Delinquency Planning Agency yesterday.

The plan, to be presented to the Legislature next month calls for:

—Diagnostic centers in each county. They would provide pre-trial screening for alternatives to incarceration and pre-sentence investigations.

—Community correctional centers to replace jails in

each county. The centers would have minimum to moderate security and rehabilitation programs.

—Conversion of Hawaii State Prison to a community correctional center for Oahu.

—The conversion of Hala-wa Jail into a maximum security facility for prisoners from all counties. The jail now is administered by the Honolulu Police Department, but would be turned over to the State Corrections Division.

The plan would in no sense abolish imprisonment in Hawaii but it would provide a

grant at no cost to the State of Hawaii.

However, if the master plan is approved, it will cost the State some \$18 million over the next 15 years.

The Legislature will be asked to appropriate \$1,449,300, primarily for architectural design.

The Ad Hoc Committee of the State Law Enforcement and Juvenile Delinquency Planning Agency approved the plan Wednesday.

THE AGENCY'S supervisory board yesterday vote unanimously to recommend the plan to the Legislature.

The supervisory board which works closely with the State Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, i

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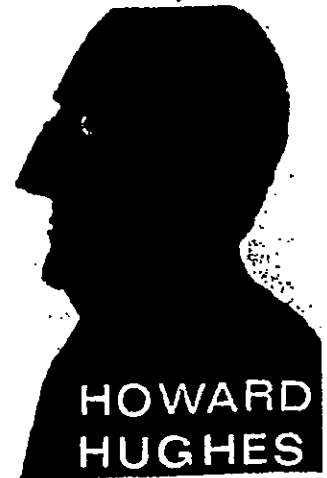
variety of programs for persons serving sentences. These would range from community release through minimum and moderate security to maximum security.

The object would be to provide corrections officers with a much greater variety of programs according to the individual needs of each prisoner.

The goal would be the reintegration into the community of persons who had committed crimes but only when this could be done without danger to the community.

THE MASTER PLAN is the brainchild of the University of Illinois, which has been studying Hawaii's correctional needs since September.

The study and master plan were financed by a federal



A former top aide of billionaire Howard Hughes tells how the mystery man became recluse in the second part of a series. Page B-16.



GOOD NEIGHBOR — Lisa Bland, 10, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard D. Bland of Ft. Shafter, came to the Star-Bulletin office yesterday to contribute a stuffed doll to the Good Neighbors' Fund. She wanted us to understand that it is to be given to another 10-year-old girl. Lisa attends Our Redeemer Lutheran School in Kaimuki. There is more Good Neighbors' news on Page B-1.

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made up of 20 top law en-
forcement officers, correc-
tions workers and social
workers.

The plan was presented to
the supervisory board by
Fred Howard and Kim Full-
er of the University of Illi-
nois staff.

Howard said a primary
concern in putting together
the master plan was the pro-
jected number of persons
who will need residential
treatment (incarceration) in
the next 15 years.

For example, he said, re-
search showed a prediction
of only 173 persons out of
1,049 convicted in Statewide
courts in 1987.

ALSO, HE SAID, there is
a great problem with per-
sons who are arrested being
sent to jail with very few
pre-trial alternatives.

He said the proposed sys-
tem would work something
like this:

When a person is arrested,
he would first go to a diag-
nostic center, where he
would receive mental and
physical examinations and
where his personal history
would be compiled.

The person would stay at
the diagnostic center about
24 hours, and then be trans-
ferred to a community
correctional center (CCC).

THE INITIAL concern of
the CCC staff would be to
provide a possible alternate
to jail while the person is
awaiting trial.

This could consist of com-
munity live-in programs.

If it was determined the
person should not be re-
leased while awaiting trial,
there would be programs at
the CCC to keep him occu-
pied, both mentally and
physically.

If the person is convicted
in court, the CCC staff would
conduct a post-trial investi-
gation to help determine
how he is to serve his sen-
tence — by probation or at
facilities such as an honor
camp, the CCC or the maxi-
mum security facility at Ha-
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THE EMPHASIS would be
on rehabilitation programs
for the person who must
serve time and on-going in-
vestigations on the possibi-
lity of freeing him would be
conducted.

A similar program would
be set up for juveniles under
the master plan.

The plan calls for close co-
operation between all facets
of law enforcement, includ-
ing police, the courts and
probation and parole work-

According to the Universi-
ty of Illinois staff members,
such a corrections plan
would be the first in the na-
tion. A similar but not so
concise plan is being studied
in Washington, D.C.

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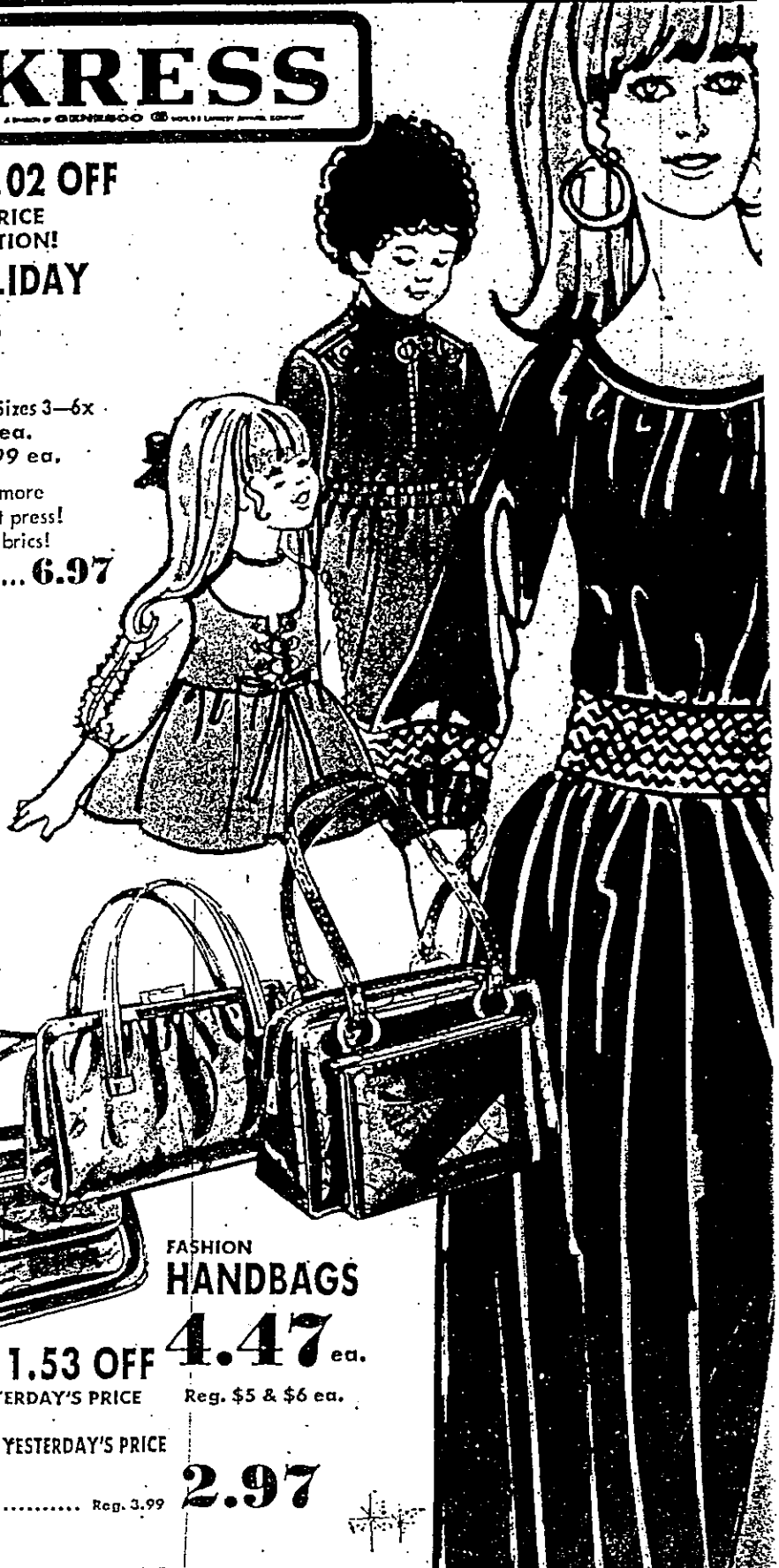
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