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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1358 SD2 HD1  
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

by

**Jodie F. Maesaka-Hirata, Director  
Department of Public Safety**

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) strongly supports Senate Bill 1358 SD2 HD1. PSD has a well-established need for correctional facilities within the State of Hawaii to provide for the custodial care and program needs of offenders with an emphasis on reentry needs.

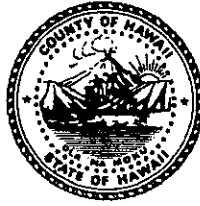
By reopening the Kulani Correctional Facility (KCF), PSD will be able to provide for the custodial care and program needs such as vocational training, treatment modalities and educational services. However, PSD requests that the requirement in this measure that the emphasis on sex offender treatment, be amended to a recommendation. PSD has been able to continue operating the sex offender treatment program without KCF, in some cases, with reduced costs. Therefore, we ask that while sincere consideration will be given to operating the sex offender

treatment program at KCF, that it not be mandated. In addition, KCF, as a minimum-security facility is integral to the sequential phasing for offenders re-entering the community, and will probably be used for a variety of reentry programming.

KCF would provide PSD the ability to return upwards of two hundred offenders from Arizona. This would require restoring approximately 80 positions and \$5,000,000 in operating costs for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

William P. Kenoi  
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March 30, 2011

Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
And Members of the House Committee on Finance  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 308  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 1358 Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1, which instructs the state Department of Public Safety to plan for the reopening of the Kulani Correctional Facility to house minimum security prisoners.

The decision to close Kulani Correctional Facility in 2009 reduced prisoners' opportunities for rehabilitation by eliminating treatment and job training programs that had been housed at Kulani. Those programs made our communities safer by offering inmates important opportunities for rehabilitation.

The decision to close Kulani also created a drain on the County of Hawai'i's economy. About 75 Department of Public Safety employees lost their jobs when Kulani closed, including both corrections officers and employees who worked in treatment and job training programs. At the same time, local businesses such as food suppliers lost tens of thousands of dollars per month in business when the prison closed.

We support this plan to return Kulani to its former use as a minimum security prison with a focus on treatment and job training.

Aloha,

William P. Kenoi  
MAYOR

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March 29, 2011

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

FROM: Gladys B. Baisa  
Council Member

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 30, 2011; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1358 S.D. 2,  
H.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 develop a plan to reopen the Kulani correctional facility, implement transfers, and house newly sentenced individuals by December 31, 2011 and report to 2012 legislature. The HD1 added a clause requesting the Department to hire back former Kulani employees.

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

The closure of Kulani was a huge and unexpected hit to the Hawai'i Island community. It bought jobs in Arizona and put our own people out of work. There are many heartbreaking stories of Adult Correctional Officers living in their cars, getting divorced, losing their homes, etc. because of the closure of Kulani.

Kulani was the home to the largest sex offender treatment program in Hawai'i and the most successful sex offender treatment program in the nation.

Kulani also was the most successful reentry facility in that each individual there had to work and then manage the completion of their required programming in the evening. Kulani helped develop strong work ethics and marketable job skills in the individuals who served their sentences there.

CAP has been advocating for the re-opening of Kulani as either a minimum security prison or a wellness/reentry center, both of which are expressed needs of PSD.

Hawai'i can create a model system of rehabilitation and reentry and re-opening of Kulani is crucial to this effort and to fulfill Governor Abercrombie's promise of bringing all our people home.

Mahalo for this opportunity to present supporting testimony on this important measure.

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## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Room 308

10:00 a.m.

## STRONG SUPPORT

**SB 1358 SD2, HD1 - REOPENING KULANI**

<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 1358 SD2, HD1 requires the Department of Public Safety to develop a plan to reopen the Kulani Correctional Facility, implement transfers, and house newly sentenced individuals by 12/31/11 and report to the 2012 Legislature. The HD1 added a clause requesting the Department to hire back former Kulani employees.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this measure.

The ill-conceived and haphazard closing of Kulani had nothing to do with correctional best practices or saving money. It was a political decision that has wreaked havoc upon Hawai'i families and ultimately put our people out of work, banished more of our nonviolent lawbreakers to the hands of prison profiteers, and bought jobs for people in Arizona.

The closure of Kulani was a huge and unexpected blow to the Hawai'i Island community. It not only wreaked havoc on the correctional system, but on Hawai'i Island families as well. In essence, in this economic crisis, we bought jobs in Arizona and put our own people out of work. There are many heartbreaking stories of Adult Correctional Officers living in their cars, getting divorced, losing their homes, etc. because of the closure of Kulani.

This thoughtless move also jeopardized the community in that Kulani was also the home to the largest sex offender treatment program in Hawai'i AND the most successful sex offender

treatment program in the nation. "Since 1988, fewer than 2% of Hawai'i sex offenders who received treatment have returned to prison for new sex crimes, which is the lowest recidivism rate in the nation by far."<sup>1</sup>

PSD promised the legislature that sex offender treatment programming would continue 'uninterrupted'. This did not happen. The men enrolled in this nationally renowned program waited 6 months for a new program to resume. Were some of these men released without completing sex offender treatment?

Kulani also was the most successful reentry facility in that each individual there had to work and then manage the completion of their required programming in the evening. Kulani helped develop strong work ethics and marketable job skills in the individuals who served their sentences there. Many Adult Correctional Officers who worked at Kulani have said that they didn't really like the intensive programming at the facility at first, but came to appreciate it when they saw former inmates in the community being productive and contributing members of the community. Community Alliance on Prisons has been advocating for the re-opening of Kulani as either a minimum security prison or a wellness/reentry center, both of which are expressed needs of PSD.

Community Alliance on Prisons has been working to re-open Kulani and have spoken to many staff people and inmates from the facility to gain an understanding of its importance to our correctional system. In that spirit, we asked the former for warden what funding would be needed for the reopening of Kulani, here are some of his calculations:

	Total Cost	Per year Per Inmate	Per Day Per Inmate
Phase I - Reopening facility with 50 inmates:	\$2,676,808	\$53,536	\$147
Phase II - Reopening facility with 100 inmates:	\$4,197,366	\$41,974	\$115
Reopening facility with 200 inmates	\$6,205,000	\$31,025	\$ 85

The reason that Kulani's day rate was reported as higher is because the Lingle-Aiona administration stopped transferring individuals to Kulani and at closure it had only 122 incarcerated individuals living there.

Community Alliance on Prisons strongly supports the reopening of Kulani and we stand ready to help the department develop a plan for its reopening and the transfer of individuals back to Kulani to fulfill the promise of Act 8 - the Community Safety Act of 2007 - Hawai'i's reentry law. Hawai'i can create a model system of rehabilitation and reentry and re-opening Kulani is crucial to this effort as well as to fulfill Governor Abercrombie's promise of bringing all our people home.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our thoughts with the committee.

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Public Safety 2008 Annual Report, Sex Offender Treatment Services, page 51.

# *Action* the Drug Policy Group

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TO: House Committee on Finance

FROM: Pamela Lichty, MPH  
President

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

RE: S.B. 1358, S.D. 2, HD 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 bill under consideration today, to re-open Kulani Correctional Facility, offers a wealth of opportunities for the community. It could offer a way to return some two hundred community custody inmates from Arizona right away. It could be used as a space to reopen their highly regarded sex offender treatment program and/or they could use the space for innovative re-entry programs for prisoners who will soon be returning to our communities.

It was a mistake on the part of the previous administration to close this unique facility. Any or all of these uses I've mentioned above would help effectuate the stated goals of the Governor to return our prisoners from facilities on the U.S. mainland. They could also serve to lower the costs to our public safety program by housing prisoners, who are suitable, in more appropriate and less costly minimum security facilities.

Thank you for hearing this measure and thank you for permitting us to testify today.

Testimony  
Of  
Gary M. Ishikawa  
Brigadier General; United State Army (Retired)  
Before the Finance Committee  
House of Representative, State of Hawaii  
Relating to Senate Bill 1358, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1

Chair Oshiro, Vic Chair Lee and members of the House of Representative, Finance Committee; I am Gary M. Ishikawa the former Deputy Adjutant General of the State Department of Defense.

I am against SB1358, SD2, HD1 which requires the Department of Public Safety to develop a plan to reopen the Kulani correctional facility, implement transfers, and house newly sentenced individuals by December 31, 2011.

The current use for Kulani is to house the second Youth Challenge Academy in Hawaii. That facility as well as the other one at Kalaeloa provides a second chance for high school drop outs in the state of Hawaii. Together they are projected to graduate 400 students each year with a high percentage getting their GED or equivalent certificate. These two facilities provide our at-risk youth a second chance to lead productive lives and contribute back to their communities.

Youth Challenge Academies are sponsored by the National Guard nationwide and are federally funded at 75%. The remaining 25% are state funded as their contribution to the program.

The Kalaeloa campus is situated close to the second most at-risk school complex in the state of Hawaii, the Leeward Coast of the island of Oahu.

The Kulani campus is situated in the most at-risk school complex in the State of Hawaii; the Kau-Keaau-Pahoa area of the island of Hawaii.



In challenging economic times, I wonder how we can turn down federal funds coming into Hawaii especially when they are used to invest in the future by providing our at-risk youth an opportunity to become contributing citizens.

I content that it's more expensive to house prisoners at Kulani than it cost to maintain them in mainland prisons. I am unaware of any financial data which would support the reopening of Kulani as a sex offender facility on a cost basis.

In summary, I am against converting Kulani back to a correctional facility for sex offenders and urge this committee to let Kulani continue on as a youth challenge academy site for our at-risk youth.

I am available to answer your questions.

Finance Committee Hearing  
March 30, 2011  
10:00 Hrs  
Conference Room 308

Testimony by:  
Jolie Ann L. Salas  
Former Adult Correctional Officer III  
Hawaii Community Correctional Center  
March 28, 2011

SB 1358 SD2 HD1 Relating to Public safety,

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in strong support of SB 1358 SD2 HD1, I am a former HCCC Adult Correctional Officer who was bumped out by a senior Adult Correctional Officer when the closing of Kulani Correctional Facility occurred in 2009.

As it states now SB 1358 SD2 HD1; section 2:2(C) ONLY KCF staff is mentioned, when in actuality the closing of KCF caused just as much loss of HCCC staff as KCF. Again those at KCF were allowed to bump less senior staff at HCCC without 1<sup>st</sup> filling vacancies in the department as stated in the UPW contract. I am at this time requesting that this measure be again amended to include ALL HCCC staff affected by the closing of KCF, also remove the words "consider transferring" from line 6 under section 2:2(C), to state "transfer", without prejudice. Allow these affected staff members of both facilities regardless of the facility they were from before the reduction in force (RIF), and offer them first rights to return to those positions before allowing all other internal transfers.

Although I know the finances of the state are very tight, I believe that the re-opening of Kulani Correctional facility will instead circulate Hawaii's money in Hawaii. I also believe that the re-opening of Kulani would shifting the direction of already used funds rather than additional funding, considering funding would be spent here in Hawaii rather than out of state. The closing of KCF was a great loss to the community and its successors of the programs. It has been said that the department spends \$10,000 on each newly hired recruit Correctional officer, meanwhile there are Correctional Officers with at least 3 year experience who sit on the PSD recall list awaiting to be recalled. I again strongly support SB 1358 SD2 HD1, and ask you to please consider adding the amendment stated above to include HCCC staff in the bill, Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolie Ann L. Salas

SB 1358 SD2 HD1 - Related to Public Safety  
Section 2:2(C)

1 Kulani Youth Challenge Academy. In addition, with respect to  
2 former employees of the Kulani Correctional facility who, due to  
3 the closing of the facility, were transferred to another  
4 department of public safety facility or terminated from  
5 employment, the department of public safety is requested to  
6 consider transferring these employees back to the Kulani  
7 correctional facility or reinstating the employment of these  
8 former employees at the Kulani correctional facility.

After added amendment:

1 Kulani Youth Challenge Academy. In addition, with respect to  
2 former employees of the Kulani Correctional facility & Hawaii Community  
3 Correctional Facility who, due to  
4 the closing of the facility, were transferred to another  
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8 correctional facility & Hawaii Community Correctional Facility or reinstating the  
9 employment of these  
10 former employees at the Kulani correctional facility & Hawaii Community  
11 Correctional Facility, BEFORE offering those open positions to all internal transfers.

Dante K. Carpenter  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – REGULAR SESSION 2011  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, March 30, 2011  
10:00 AM; Conference Rm. 308

SB 1358 SD2, HD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

Chair Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, V. C. Rep. Marilyn B. Lee and Committee Members:

Aloha kakou. My name is Dante Keala Carpenter, Member-Advisor to 'Ohana Ho'opakele. I speak in support of SB 1358, SD2, HD1 which seeks to reinstate the Kulani Facilities to prior utilization by December 31, 2011.

'Ohana Ho'opakele has proposed to work with PSD and other restorative justice groups to utilize the Kulani Correctional Facility as a *pu'uhonua* or wellness center for substance abuse treatment and intervention programs that take a holistic and cultural approach to help redirect the lives of those affected, among other programs and activities.

Notwithstanding the budget crisis and its implications on state facilities and operations, Kulani Correctional Facility has in the past and should continue in the future to serve a critical need for re-integrating *pa'ahao* back into communities in Hawai'i! This is in conjunction with the Community Safety Act of 2007, which requires the department to develop a comprehensive and effective offender reentry system plan for adult offenders exiting the prison system.

President Sam Kaleleiki (Kupuna Sam) and members continue an unwavering commitment to the mission and purpose of 'Ohana Ho'opakele: to advocate for alternatives to prisons in the form of *pu'uhonua* for *pa'ahao*. Literally *pu'uhonua* is defined in Pukui & Elbert's Hawaiian Dictionary (1986) as a "sanctuary, refuge, asylum or place of peace & safety" for *pa'ahao* – prisoners, convicts and/or inmates. In modern vernacular it can best be defined or classified as a cultural wellness center with all that title entails.

Obviously, any correctional complex or *pu'uhonua* should pose no threat to the community! Therefore, security classification of *pa'ahao* should be minimal, at best, as has been the past practice. Among other goals, the facility should incorporate in its design and operations, a fitting "work-place atmosphere" with establishment of programs incorporating the best agricultural model available coupled with established Hawaiian cultural teachings in order to approach self-sufficiency in production of necessary foodstuffs and respect of humanity. The programs would minimize costs to the taxpayer, provide opportunities to earn "good time," participate in vocation education training and prison industries, and support the facility's manpower needs, as well.

One of 'Ohana's goals would incorporate the return of deserving *pa'ahao* from mainland incarceration facilities which provide no opportunities to reduce recidivism, but rather encourage hardening and contributing to family disorientation, disintegration, and dissolution.

We strongly recommend passage of SB 1358, SD2, HD1.

E laulima pu kakou! (Let's all work together.) Mahalo a nui loa.

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March 29, 2011

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Sen. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Sen. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

VIA: email

**STRONG SUPPORT for SB 1358 - REOPENING KULANI**

Good Morning Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and Committee Members:

I am the mother of a prisoner who is currently being held at Saguaro in Arizona. He is a non-violent drug addict who got involved with ice, a very familiar story in these islands. He has been in prison for almost three years and has gone from Hilo to Halawa to Arizona back to Hilo, back to Halawa and now back to Arizona. He has a 5 year old daughter who misses him very much and wishes she could visit him.

We had hoped that when Michael got close to parole, he would be sent to Kulani. It had the reputation of being a great transitional place with the work release program. He is a journeyman carpenter and he was hoping to get transferred to Kulani so he could work off some of his debt to society, building things for the county or state. It would have been the perfect place for him. He would be doing something positive towards redeeming himself. I could have driven his daughter from Kona to visit him. By closing Kulani, that hope is gone, and more of our people are sent to the mainland. It made no sense at all to close such a good program.

Thank you so much for reading my thoughts. I hope you pass this bill. It is very important to the families of the incarcerated.

Sincerely,

Erin Welsh

TESTIMONY OF  
LLOYD K. SODETANI, COL, USA (ret.)

To the House Committee on Finance  
The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
Regular Session 2011  
March 30, 2011; 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 308

Testimony on SB1358 Relating to Public Safety to develop a plan to reopen Kulani Correctional Facility

Chairman Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy.

I have been actively involved with the Hawaii Army National Guard youth programs for the last six years. Among other programs, the Youth Challenge Academy has been extremely successful in the development of Hawaii's high school drop-outs. Those students who have completed the program are a testament to the effectiveness of the program. Hawaii's Youth Challenge Academy serves as a model for the rest of the nation to follow. Eliminating or restricting the growth of the program will be detrimental to our communities by denying our youth an opportunity of learning to be educated and productive citizens.

If Kulani cannot continue to be a Youth Challenge Academy site, it is strongly recommended that an alternative site that is economically feasible to operate be secured before any action is taken to reopen Kulani as a correctional facility. The primary objective should be to relocate the Youth Challenge Academy to a location that will be conducive to its mission statement. The economic benefits of having the Youth Challenge Academy is far greater than any correctional facility will bring to the State of Hawaii.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly urge that the focus be on the destiny of the Youth Challenge Academy rather than the correctional facility.

TESTIMONY  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
SB 1358, SD 2, HD 1  
March 30, 2011  
10:00 AM  
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Chair Oshiro, and members of the committee:

I urge your support for SB 1358, SD2, HD1

Please reopen Kulani Correctional Facility as soon as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jory Watland

SB1358

My name is Carmael Kamealoha Stagner. I am in support of SB 1358.

Reopening with 200 inmates \$6,205,000 at a rate of \$85 per day.



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**Comments:**

I was a Corrections Officer at Kulani Correctional Facility for 3 years before the premature closure. The closure caught me by surprise for it was done very quickly and in my opinion not thought out wisely. The closure has affected me a lot, from going to a "SAFE AND SECURE JOB" that I've dedicated myself to and finally being able to purchase a house. I'm currently unemployed struggling to pay bills and struggling to find work, and on the verge of losing my house if I don't sell it soon. This is all material things that in time can be salvaged but it's people's self being feeling productive and proud of yourself that's more important to me. Myself and a lot of families have been affected by this premature closure. I just hope this bill passes so we can get our jobs and lives back.

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**Comments:**

I have submitted testimony on this at its introduction.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 1358. The former administration's closure of the Kulani facility was one of the worst decision they made.

Kulani is sorely needed to continue the rehabilitation of the prisoners so they may be reintegrated into the community with a better chance of being contributors to our communities. The incomparable recidivism rate was a testimony to the success of this program.

I humbly ask for passage of this bill.

Mahalo and thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

My name is Rosltn Murakane and i was a former adult correctional officer at Hawaii community correctional center. my postion was given to an Kulani correctional facility worker. Due to the closing of kulani my family and i have have indured may hardships. Because of the closing of kcf. i am in favor of bill SB1358 2.2 but i would like for you to inclue in your language that ALL psd worker from both kcf and hccc be reinstated following the opening of. This closer has not only effected people from kcf but also from HCCC. I feel that it is only right for the ones who were effected be returned to there respectable facilities. Please take this matter into consideration. Thank you  
Roslyn Murakane

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Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Hello, my name is Christopher Austria. I am a former HCCC Adult Corrections Officer who was bumped by a senior corrections officer of KCF, to MCCC in 2010, shortly after the closing of KCF. I strongly support SB 1358 SD2 HD1 and its newly submitted amendments, which would finally allow me to return home to my family back on the Big Island and also return my hire facility of HCCC. I believe that as the state continues to close a financial budget gap and decrease spending, KCF would instead redirect already used funds back into our economy instead of out of state. Therefore I am asking that you redirect these funds,, Pass SB 1358 and reopen KCF..

respectfully submitted

Christopher Austria

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