

# SB 2250

## **RELATING TO PAROLE**

*Description:*

Allows the Hawaii paroling authority to use a continuum of administrative sanctions when a parolee violates a term or condition of parole.

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TESTIMONY ON Senate Bill 2250  
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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs  
Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 3:15 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports Senate Bill (SB) 2250 and its intent to allow the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) to use a continuum of administrative sanctions when a parolee violates a term of condition of parole.

PSD notes that these issues are partially covered under SB 2776, which accelerates correctional efficiencies and reduces recidivism.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) appreciates the legislature's interest in the area discussed in Senate Bill 2250 and supports the intent of the measure.

It is normally the court that sentences offenders to perform community service and determines the amount of hours required of the offenders. It is normally the Juvenile and Adult Community Services Restitution Unit (JACSRU) of the Judiciary that determines the types of community service that is appropriate for the offender. Also, the JACSRU has the staff, procedures, and system in place to maintain records and files on the community service hours performed by offenders.

The HPA is not operationally or organizationally set up to facilitate sentencing offenders to community service nor does this agency have the resources required to ensure that parolees perform valid community service tasks.

With respect to the provision of SB 2250, the HPA has no concerns regarding scheduling parole consideration hearings for selected parole violators no later than two years from the date of parole revocation.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Will Espero, Chair

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Room 224

### SUPPORT SB 2250 - CONTINUUM OF INTERMEDIATE SANCTIONS FOR PAROLEES

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, 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.

SB 2250 allows the Hawai'i paroling authority to use a continuum of administrative sanctions when a parolee violates a term or condition of parole.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports this measure in the hope that it provides a more supportive parole environment for those exiting incarceration. We know that it is important to help the formerly incarcerated navigate their way to successful reintegration and we urge the paroling authority to ensure that intermediate sanctions are accompanied by enhanced support to ensure successful reentry for those coming home.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



Committee: Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs  
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 3:15 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 224  
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of S.B. 2250, Relating to Parole

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs:

The ACLU of Hawaii generally supports S.B. 2250 and the other proposals submitted as part of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). The ACLU of Hawaii supports 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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Comments:  
Chair Espero and Vice Chair Kidani:

SUPPORT this measure because it will save our State the cost of institutionalizing someone who broke parole for minor offenses to return to prison for a long period of time.

Thanks you for the opportunity to submit my testimony for your consideration.