

SB 2811

Measure Title: RELATING TO QUALIFIED COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

Report Title: Qualified Community Rehabilitation Programs; Reports

Description: Repeals the requirement for the Department of Human Resources Development to submit annual reports to the Legislature regarding expenditures of qualified community rehabilitation programs.

Companion: HB2549

Package: Gov

Current Referral: HMS, WAM

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TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

For Hearing on Tuesday, February 14, 2012
1:25 p.m., Conference Room 016

BY

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Senate Bill No. 2811
Relating to Qualified Community Rehabilitation Programs

TO CHAIRPERSON CHUN OAKLAND AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of S. B. No. 2811 is to repeal the requirement for the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) to submit annual reports to the Legislature regarding expenditures of qualified community rehabilitation programs.

The Department of Human Resources Development **strongly supports** this Administration bill. Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, amended section 76-77(16), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to modify a statutory exemption from civil service applicable to the counties of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai, by setting a higher monetary limitation for contract services with qualified community rehabilitation programs. The Act also instructed DHRD to submit annual reports to the Legislature regarding "expenditures of qualified rehabilitation programs and related activities."

Section 76-77, HRS, applies only to the three counties, not to the State. Because DHRD administers the human resources program for the State, pursuant to section 26-5, HRS, and the county personnel directors are the chief administrators of their respective county human resources programs, information about county

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expenditures is not available to DHRD. Furthermore, because the statutory provision does not permit the state executive branch to contract with qualified community rehabilitation programs as specified in section 76-77(16), HRS, DHRD does not have anything to report on behalf of the State. Therefore, we request your favorable consideration to repeal the reporting requirement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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