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SB3016 SD2 HD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

March 21, 2012

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** SB3016 SD2 HD1, which urges the Department of Public Safety to report on the possibility of using the former Kulani prison facility as a pu'uhonua or wellness center.

OHA's 2010 report, "The Disparate Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System," and the recently completed study by the Justice Reinvestment Initiative indicate that there is a clear need for smart justice solutions that include rehabilitation.

The closing of Kulani was a shock to the justice community. It was done on short notice, and it shut down one of the few effective sex offender treatment programs in the state. The closing of the facility should be explained in a public forum before further resources are committed to this facility. Such an explanation would build the community's trust and lay a foundation for a healthy relationship between the community and its proposed new neighbor.

Consistent with the focus of SB 3016 SD2 HD1 to create a pu'uhonua based on Hawaiian cultural practices, OHA recommends deleting all references to the Public Lands Development Corporation (PLDC). Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 171C appears to provide the PLDC with potentially the most vast land use and zoning exemptions enjoyed by any agency for its development projects, requiring only that it coordinate "with the county planning departments and the county land use plans, policies, and ordinances." These exemptions could allow the PLDC to bypass planning and management processes—including opportunities for community input—created to protect Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, fragile ecosystems, natural resources, and private property. The development of a pu'uhonua should be done in a way that does not compromise the health of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources, which is an integral part of a thriving Native Hawaiian community.

OHA urges the committees to AMEND AND PASS SB3016 SD2 HD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3016 SD2 HD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY
by
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House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 10:45 A.M.
State Capitol, Room 329

Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) appreciates the intent of Senate Bill 3016 SD2 HD1 and we believe that this program may be appropriate as part of the implementation of Justice Reinvestment Initiatives (JRI). The goal of JRI is to manage and allocate criminal justice populations by spending more cost-effectively, thereby generating cost-savings that can be reinvested through the development of alternative responses to crime without jeopardizing public safety to the community at large.

The future of the Kulani Correctional Facility has yet to be determined. PSD is in the process of developing its strategic plan, which will include the orderly development of statewide correctional facilities. It is through this process that PSD will develop and address the programmatic needs for Hawaii's offenders, which may include Pu'uhonua or a wellness center based on Hawaiian cultural practices; however, PSD is mindful that inmates cannot be forced to participate in such a program, even if they are native Hawaiian, and cannot prevent inmates from participating in such a program even though they are not native Hawaiian.

The Hawaii Community Correctional Center on the Big Island is involved in working with community needs through community service projects, inmate work release, and furlough programs that are parallel to the goals and objectives of this measure.

PSD looks forward to working with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, 'Ohana Ho'opakele and other restorative justice groups as well as the public land development corporation to assess the best location and methodology to implement Pu'uhonua or a wellness center based on Hawaiian cultural practices to restore the well-being of person, family, and the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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**Before the House Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2012
10:45 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3016, SENATE DRAFT 2, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

Senate Bill 3016, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1 proposes to require the Department of Public Safety (PSD) to plan for a model wellness center that employs native Hawaiian cultural practices on State lands, giving preference to the site formerly used as the Kulani Correctional Facility. This bill also proposes to create within PSD a work release pilot program to allow incarcerated persons to work on community projects that benefit the local community and the State. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers comments on the proposal and defers to PSD on the feasibility and details of plans for such a model wellness center and work release program.

1. The Department notes that the former Kulani Correctional Facility is surrounded by lands currently in the Natural Areas Reserve System (NARS) and other forestry lands.
2. Approximately 279.76 acres, constituting the footprint of the former Kulani Correctional Facility, is currently being used by the Department of Defense, under a revocable permit, for the Hawaii Youth Challenge Academy (HYCA).
3. The Department enjoys an ongoing and productive association with HYCA and is working together to develop a natural resource management curriculum that may be incorporated into their program.
4. If HYCA elects to relocate their campus to another location, the Department prefers to develop the facilities at Kulani, including the existing structures of the former correctional facility, into a world class environmental, educational, and outdoor recreation center with guest accommodations for overnight or longer stays.

5. The Department is willing to collaborate with PSD to identify potential community projects that may benefit from inclusion in the work release pilot program.

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Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

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Room 329

STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB 3016 SD2, HD1 - ESTABLISHING PU`UHONUA/WELLNESS CENTER

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee 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 3016 SD2, HD1 requires PSD to plan for a model wellness center that employs native Hawaiian cultural practices on state land and to submit a report to the legislature prior to the 2013 legislative session. Creates a work release pilot program on the Big Island to allow certain incarcerated individuals to work on community projects that benefit the local community and the State. Repeals pilot program on 6/30/15. The HD1 deleted references specifying that the work release program created by the Department of Public Safety be located on the island of Hawai`i.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this bill. The majority of our incarcerated population is Native Hawaiian and establishing a Pu`uhonua/wellness center acknowledges that using traditional practices is a way that will resonate with and restore an individual. **We respectfully ask that you eliminate the date June 30, 2015 since Pu`uhonua is not a program, but a place - a place of wellness and healing.**

Healing an individual is more effective than punishment and many misinterpret healing as not holding the individual accountable. This is not true. Ho`oponopono (to make right) is based on accepting responsibility and helping to rebuild and restore relationships. Using practices that connect individuals to the `aina, their `ohana, and the larger community is vital to what this session of the legislature strives for...strengthening families and reducing recidivism.

`Ohana Ho`opakele, led by Kupuna Sam Kaleleiki as well as other kūpuna and other concerned community members has been working on developing Pu`uhonua/wellness centers for more than a decade. We applaud their perseverance and their commitment to heal the people and the land. Uncle Joe Tassel has also been a huge proponent for healing our people.

We are pleased to see this bill moving and we urge you, as policymakers, to pass this real alternative to incarceration and reentry that has been used and proven by indigenous cultures from Canada to Aotearoa. Our host culture holds many answers to healing our community and it is about time we listen to their wisdom!

This bill is being watched by the world as the cites below indicate (and this is not all of them!).

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We urge the committee to pass this important bill. We need to find alternative means to reintegrate our people who have lost their way. Establishing pu`uhonua is a wonderful way to rebuild our `ohana and communities.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our thoughts on SB 3016 SD2, HD1.

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Aloha Reps. Hanohano and Lee

In favor of Hawaiian healing

SB 3016 SD2, HD1 - PU`UHONUA

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- Uncle Sam, President of `Ohana Ho`opakele and Uncle Joe Tassel deserve

the credit for getting this bill this far • This bill acknowledges that individuals who violate the law need healing as much as the victims • Healing an individual is more effective than punishment and many misinterpret healing as not holding • the individual accountable. This is not true.

- Ho`oponopono (to make right) is based on accepting responsibility and

helping to rebuild and restore relationships.

- Using practices that connect individuals to the `aina, their `ohana, and the larger community is vital to what this session of the legislature strives for...strengthening families and reducing recidivism • Using Native Hawaiian cultural practices is a better approach since the majority of our incarcerated people are Native Hawaiian • It's about time we acknowledge that we need to do things differently • Pu`uhonua is a PLACE, NOT A PROGRAM - finding state for this purpose will benefit us all • The world is watching this bill as the story has been picked up by more than 100 media outlets!

Lift your voice for
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Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

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STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB 3016 SD2, HD1 – ESTABLISHING PU`UHONUA/WELLNESS CENTER

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee!

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The HD1 deleted references specifying that the work release program created by the Department of Public Safety be located on the island of Hawai`i

Aloha Committee Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and committee members:

Our organization supports Ohana Ho'opakele's KAHEA for Pu'uhonua as alternative to prisons.

As stated in the KAHEA, we believe "Pu'uhonua are places open to all, not just Kanaka Maoli, where the traditional ho'opono'pono process of making right will be used to help heal individuals, families, and communities. We believe Pu'uhonua centers are for the good of **all** Hawai'i's people and can provide real hope in saving money, reducing recidivism, crime prevention, and **long-term positive change.**"

We support the mission of Ohana Ho'opakele as stated in the KAHEA: "

'Ohana Ho'opakele (To Rescue the Family) in establishing Pu'uhonua (Decentralized Wellness Centers - residential and non-residential) on all islands as an alternative to building more prisons."

We would urge you to delete the phrase "Repeals pilot program on June 30, 2015." I see no need for this. In fact, Pu'uhonua (Wellness centers) need to be multiplied on all islands.

Mahalo for your support. Let us work together for the common good.

Jim Albertini, President
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Submitted on: 3/19/2012

Comments:
Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony!

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair

Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

10:45 a.m.

State Capitol, Room 329

SUPPORT SB 3016, SD2, HD1

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Requires PSD to plan for a model wellness center that employs native Hawaiian cultural practices on state land and to submit a report to the legislature prior to the 2013 legislative session. Creates a work release pilot program to allow certain incarcerated individuals to work on community projects that benefit the local community and the State. Effective July 1, 2050. Repeals pilot program on June 30, 2015.

Aloha Representative Hanohano and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs! My name is Samuel Kaleleiki, Jr., President of Ohana Hoopakele, an organization dedicated to rescuing our *pa`ahao* or incarcerated brothers and sisters in prison. Our vision is to build a *Pu`uhonua* or a Wellness Center that heals rather than punishes. We have been sending spiritual advisors to lead our *pa`ahao* in the Makahiki ceremonies in the past at Diamondback prison in Watonga, Oklahoma and from February 7-12, 2012 at Saguaro prison in Eloy, Arizona and at FCI Safford in Safford, Arizona.

We first want to commend all those responsible for re-introducing this bill to this session of the State legislature and the key role of Mr. Renwick Valentine Ili'ilipuna "Uncle Joe" Tassill. Our members of Ohana Ho`opakele began by opposing the building of new prisons on Hawai`i Island because it was incarcerating mainly Kanaka Maoli. However, we realized that we couldn't just be opposed to something but had to find solutions. After research on what would heal our Kanaka Maoli, we realized that the solution lay in what the Kanaka Maoli did a long time ago. The model for healing was the *Pu`uhonua* or wellness center where *ho`oponopono* and *aloha aina* were the principal values. Our research led to some funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs which has resulted in a Feasibility Study of a *Pu`uhonua* written by consultant Ms. Chelle Shand Pahinui. We also completed with the help of funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a complete needs assessment complete with a survey conducted among our *pa`ahao*, *ex-pa`ahao*, families of *pa`ahao*, cultural practitioners and the general public. It is time to test this model. It cannot be done without the support of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Hawaii. Even within the State of Hawaii Public Prosecutors office, there has been a long-time task force on restorative justice. A prison system built upon the philosophy of punishment has proved NOT to be a solution.

The premises at Kulani Correctional Facility are almost perfect for a *Pu`uhonua* or a wellness center. There is adequate land there for a model *Pu`uhonua* even while continuing a correctional facility. The infrastructure is more than adequate. The staff has been involved in healing for many years. Notable among this was the program initiated by Warden Peter McDonald modeled after the Life Stand program of Neal Wagatsuma at the Kauai Correctional Center. ACOs like Mr. Ikaika Dombriguez were trained by Kupuna Sam Lono in the cultural and spiritual practices of the ancient Kanaka Maoli traditions. There are other lands under the control of the Department of Public Safety that would also make ideal locations for a *Pu`uhonua*. One site in East Hawai`i is Field 33 which is just above the zoo in Hilo on Stainback Highway. The work release program included in this bill can have *Pa`ahao* from Hale Nani begin clearing this site immediately for a *Pu`uhonua*.

Our organization has been developing the curriculum for the Pu`uhonua by sending spiritual leaders to lead our pa`ahao in the opening and closing Makahiki ceremonies every year since 2004 at Diamondback Correctional Facility in Watonga, OK and continuing to the present when the men were transferred to Saguaro Correctional Facility in Eloy, AZ. In the second week of February we sent Mr. Kini Kaleilani Burke to lead a Makahiki Closing Ceremony at Saguaro Correctional Facility at Eloy, AZ and for the first time at FCI Safford at Safford, AZ.

If you would take the time to visit our website at www.ohanahoopakele.org, you will see a Kahea (Call) to Support Pu`uhonua as an Alternative to Prison. The Kahea reads, "We support the mission of `Ohana Ho`opakele (To Rescue the Family) in establishing Pu`uhonua (Decentralized Wellness Centers – residential and non-residential) on all islands as an alternative to building more prisons. Pu`uhonua are places open to all, not just Kanaka Maoli, where the traditional ho`oponopono process of making right will be used to help heal individuals, families, and communities. We believe Pu`uhonua centers are for the good of all Hawai`i's people and can provide real hope in saving money, reducing recidivism, crime prevention, and long-term positive change." There are now 626 people who have signed on to this Kahea. They include Kanaka Maoli leaders, cultural practitioners, university professors, social workers, religious leaders, lawyers, one county councilman and even sixty-three (63) pa`ahao presently in Saguaro Correctional Facility.

With the assistance of Kumu Richard and Lynette Paglinawan Ohana Ho`opakele has continued to conduct ho`oponopono training sessions and have recently met with leadership at Hale Nani Correctional Facility in East Hawai`i to begin the process of conducting ho`oponopono sessions with pa`ahao and family members on a voluntary basis even before their release from incarceration. This is a specific step in working together with the Department of Public Safety to work toward wellness employing Kanaka Maoli cultural practices. A group committed to the practice of *ho`oponopono* meets monthly at the Hilo Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center with the Paglinawans.

Our Governor has promised to bring back the 1,700 or so pa`ahao from Arizona. This is an opportune time to plan for a model Pu`uhonua that employs Kanaka Maoli cultural practices. The news of a possible Pu`uhonua in Hawaii has been carried widely by the press in the U.S.A. We believe this is happening because people are looking for alternatives to incarceration in prison. This is an opportunity for Hawaii to take the lead in finding a better solution than to building more prisons in Hawaii or to sending our pa`ahao to be incarcerated in private prisons based on making a profit.

We commend you representatives for passing HB 2848 which is essentially the same bill as that before you. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of our members of Ohana Ho`opakele and on behalf of our *pa`ahao* who have been and are presently incarcerated both here in Hawaii and in Arizona. We humbly request that you require the Department of Public Safety to work together with Ohana Ho`opakele, "Uncle Joe" Tassill and the Community Alliance on Prisons among other restorative justice groups to develop this plan for a Pu`uhonua. We are pleased that the Director of the Department of Public Safety testified on her willingness to work together with our organization. You can contact me by my cell at 808-937-7193. I would be more than glad to fly over to Honolulu to meet the members of your committees to answer questions. Mahalo!

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Testimony for HAW 3/21/2012 10:45:00 AM SB3016

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No.
Submitted by: Laura Pacheco
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Submitted on: 3/20/2012

Comments:

I support the plan to utilize culturally relevant Hawaiian healing practices on State of Hawaii land if it will reduce recidivism amongst our prison community. This bill proposes a healing method as well as a teaching method to address the needs of those in incarceration and hopefully these skills will translate into a healthier community.

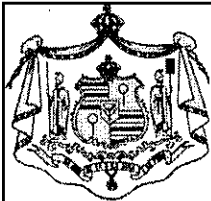
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Comments:



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TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

SENATE BILL 3016, SD2,HD1(HSCR1065-12)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, March 21, 2012; 10:45; Room 329

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano, Vice Chairman Lee and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supports Senate Bill 3016 that will integrate Native Hawaiian cultural practices as means to assist incarcerated individuals to reintegrate into the general community. This bill requires the Department of Public Safety to plan for the creation of a wellness center employing Native Hawaiian cultural practices to restore the overall well-being of individuals and families.

The Association testified in support of HB2848 earlier in the session and continues to support the establishment of a wellness center at the former Kulani Correctional Facility in East Hawaii Island, and the creation of a Task Force to move the concepts of Pu`uhonua forward with further planning and recommendations. This issue was discussed at our last convention in 2011 and Resolution 11-71 calling for the development of rehabilitation programs by the Department of Public Safety was adopted.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Testifier position: Support
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Submitted by: Jory Watland
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Submitted on: 3/20/2012

Comments:

Chair Hanohano and members of the committee:

I urge your support for SB 3016. Treating incarcerated individuals as people of worth is an essential value of a humane society. Hawaii values require us to respect each person.
Pastor Jory Watland

clee1 - Lina

From: Na Maka o ka 'Aina [namaka@interpac.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 9:55 AM
To: HAWtestimony
Subject: SB 3016 SD2, HD1 - PU`UHONUA

aloha mai,

please pass the pu'uhonua bill: SB 3016 SD2, HD1

there is nothing stronger than the 'aina to help people back to a pono way of living.

we know that western style prisons do more harm than good -- and are more expensive.

break with that unworkable paradigm and go with an island way of thinking.

mahalo.

~Joan Lander
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cleef - Lina

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Testifier position: Support
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Submitted by: Laurie Temple
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E-mail: lt@acluhawaii.org
Submitted on: 3/20/2012

Comments:



Committee: Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 10:45 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 329
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of S.B. 3016, SD2, H.D.1
Relating to Public Safety

Dear Chair Hanohano and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

The ACLU of Hawaii supports S.B. 3016 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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Testifier will be present: No
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Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/20/2012

Comments:
This is the bill we need.

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Teri Heede
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Submitted on: 3/20/2012

Comments:

It is time for a solution like this. Get out of the box and STRONGLY SUPPORT this with me.

MAHALO ahead of time for your cooperation!

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Submitted by: Leonard McGhee
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Submitted on: 3/20/2012

Comments:

Cultural sensitive rehabilitation programs are necessary to address the volume of drug related crimes in todays court and prison system. Especially considering the disproportionate of number of Native Hawaiian offenders. We as a community must correct the inappropriate choices made by Hawaiian people by utilizing cultural practices.

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Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Laulani Teale
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Submitted on: 3/20/2012

Comments:

I strongly support this effort. Great healing is needed in our communities, and this is a wonderful step toward that healing. Please pass this measure.

Mahalo nui loa,
Laulani Teale

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Comments:

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Faye Hanohano, Chair

Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

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Room 329

**STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB 3016 SD2, HD1 - ESTABLISHING
PU'UHONUA/WELLNESS CENTER**

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee,

I am writing as a concerned citizen with an interest in wise criminal justice policies that enhance public safety, are cost effective, and assist those leaving prison to successfully integrate into and become contributing members of society.

SB 3016 SD2, HD1 requires PSD to plan for a model wellness center that employs native Hawaiian cultural practices on state land and to submit a report to the legislature prior to the 2013 legislative session. Creates a work release pilot program on the Big Island to allow certain incarcerated individuals to work on community projects that benefit the local community and the State. Repeals pilot program on 6/30/15. The HD1 deleted references specifying that the work release program created by the Department of Public Safety be located on the island of Hawai'i.

By reestablishing a community work program, such as the one that was so successful at the former Kulani Correctional Facility on the Big Island, incarcerated individuals will have a better chance at developing the skills necessary to reintegrate into their communities. Culturally-appropriate programs will make this process even more successful, especially for Hawaiian incarcerated individuals.

These kinds of reentry programs have been shown to dramatically reduce recidivism and save millions of dollars of taxpayer monies. It is time to take advantage of the experience and insights of the most successful criminal justice programs in the nation.

Please support SB 3016 SD2, HD1.

Mahalo,

Diana Bethel