



**SB3054**  
**RELATING TO CORRECTIONS**  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers testimony in **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS** for SB3054, which requires an audit of in and out-of-state commissary operations where Hawai`i inmates are confined.

OHA's 2010 report, "The Disparate Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System," and feedback from the community indicate that being able to provide for family members through the commissary system is a vital way to stay connected. Too often, bureaucratic barriers are put up to frustrate the simple purpose of supporting a family member. High costs hurt the family and fail to have any rehabilitative effect.

OHA suggests that this bill should go one step further and examine the high costs of inmate phone calls. This is a similar matter that also creates barriers for families.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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