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To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: February 21, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 2333, H.D. 1
Relating to the Statewide Integrated Sex Offender Treatment Program

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill. The Office of Information Practices (“OIP”) takes no position on this bill’s inclusion of juveniles in the statewide integrated sex offender treatment program and related matters. At OIP’s request, the Committee on Public Safety amended a provision found in the previous bill draft to correct a statutory reference to the Sunshine Law, and OIP has no further concerns regarding this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony in support of HB 2333

House Committee on Judiciary
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
Representative Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair
Committee Members

Friday, February 21, 2014 at 1 pm
Conference Room 325

I am in favor of HB 2333, the purpose of which is to amend Chapter 353E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to establish a State wide “Sex Offender Management Team” as a coordinating body to oversee the implementation of best practices in sex offender treatment programs.

I believe that it is very important to utilize the current research in the field to treat sex offenders. This is a crime that has grave and lasting effects of the victims. We know that most sex offenders have many more victims than those that come forward. Anything that serves to interrupt this cycle of sexual assault should be given our support.

I believe that by establishing a state wide team, Hawai'i can standardize the programs across the state and allow the free exchange of information among the counties. This can hopefully lead to better and more effective programs everywhere. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Jane Huntington

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February 18, 2014

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 2333 HD 1 as I feel it is important to continue to ensure best practice regarding sex offender treatment. Additionally, it is imperative to work together as agencies and facilitate a sex offender management team.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Cockett

HB2333

Submitted on: 2/18/2014

Testimony for JUD on Feb 21, 2014 13:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
E. Ileina Funakoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: JUDICIARY Karl Rhoads, Chair Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair SUPPORT HB2333 HD1, RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE INTEGRATED SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM (Hearing: 7/21/14, 1:00pm, Rm 325) Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har and Members of the Committee: I am E. Ileina Funakoshi, private citizen, who believes the prisoners of this state is still part of the ohana and should be treated as such. Programs for the sex offenders are sorely needed, especially on the evaluation of each individual so each person can be treated at his level. Some have made one mistake and are not predators. Your establishing a Sex Offender Management Team including medical professionals in different fields should help to streamline and process more students through the programs with greater successes. Thank you so much for the opportunity to submit my testimony. With Aloha, E. Ileina Funakoshi

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL (HB) 2333 HOUSE DRAFT (HD) 1
RELATING TO THE
STATEWIDE INTEGRATED SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM

by
Ted Sakai, Director
Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Judiciary
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
Representative Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

Friday, February 21, 2014, 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety is in **support** of HB 2333 HD1, the purpose of which is to amend chapter 353E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to reflect nationally recognized best practices in the statewide, integrated programming for adult sex offenders. The recommended amendments would expand and strengthen the Statewide Integrated Sex Offender Treatment Program by specifically identify the "Sex Offender Management Team" as the coordinating body responsible to oversee the development and implementation of sex offender treatment programs in the State of Hawaii.

We offer the following reasons for our support:

1. The complex nature of crimes of sexual offenses and the extreme emotional

- and physical harm on victims necessitates implementation of a statewide integrated sex offender treatment program, based on nationally recognized best practices to sex offender management;
2. The statewide Master Plan for sex offender management programs requires the amendment to include statewide integrated services for adult sex offenders;
 3. Nationally recognized best practices in sex offender management include additional areas, other than treatment, such as, on-going assessment, evaluation and supervision;
 4. Standards for service delivery assists in ensuring best practices are implemented, and offender rehabilitation and victim safety are paramount;
and
 5. The name of the statewide coordinating body should reflect its scope.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.