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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 950
RELATING TO
COMMITTED PERSONS ON FURLOUGH
by
Ted Sakai, Interim Director
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House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 7, 2013; 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 309

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill 950, relating to Committed Persons on Furlough, which adds child support as a financial obligation for employed inmates on furlough and delineates percentages to be deducted from earnings for financial obligations identified by statute.

Child support orders are not included in statute as financial obligations for committed persons on furlough who are employed outside of the correctional facility. The proposed amendment will require thirty percent of net earnings be dedicated to outstanding child support orders.

This proposal also specifies twenty-five percent of net earnings be deducted to satisfy outstanding restitution orders, which is in alignment with Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012. Current law is silent on what percent shall be deducted. In addition, it adds other court ordered fees and fines as obligations.

These percentages conform to those required for deductions as found in sections 353-22.6 and 353-22.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.