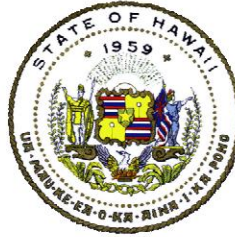


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION (HCR) 59 /
HOUSE RESOLUTION (HR) 15
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO STUDY THE
CORRECTION BETWEEN SEXUAL ABUSE AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS
DISORDER WITHIN THE STATE'S FEMALE PRISON POPULATION

by
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House Committee on Human Services
Representative Mele Carroll, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 20, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
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Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports the intent** of HCR 59 / HR 15 which would require PSD to oversee a study of the correlation between sexual abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder within the female inmate population and to report PSD's findings and recommendations to the Legislature convening in the 2015 Regular Session.

PSD has concerns about the scope of the study, the necessary expertise to conduct a valid scientific medical study, and the cost associated with this type of statistical analysis of an inmate population through medical records reviews and personal interviews with inmates.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) applies to all offenders. PSD's PREA statistics for FY 2013 indicates that inmate sexual abuse victims are not limited to female inmates. PSD recommends that the study incorporate all inmates whether they are female, male, transgender, or intersex. This spectrum of

inmates will yield sufficient data to measure the correlation between the impact of “any” incident of sexual abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder.

PSD does not employ staff with the necessary skills set to conduct research based on a scientific medical study. PSD request that funding be allocated to this measure to allow PSD to contract with a private entity, who is experienced with conducting this type of validated scientific medical research. Incorporating PSD’s recommendations will ensure that the goals to be achieved by this measure will be productive and benefit the inmate population.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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