



HCR172/HR140
REQUESTING THE STATE TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT AN EARNED-TIME PROGRAM TO ALLOW INMATES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO EARN CREDIT TOWARD REDUCING THEIR MINIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT
House Committee on Public Safety

March 28, 2013

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Room 309

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HCR172/HR140, which is a resolution encouraging a plan to implement an earned time program for pa‘ahao. This is a call for justice agencies to take a harder look at the possibility of smarter and more efficient sentencing practices.

In 2010, OHA produced a comprehensive report detailing the disparate treatment of Native Hawaiians in the criminal justice system. Since then, OHA has administered the Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force (NHJTF), which was tasked by the Legislature to address this multi-faceted issue. A copy of the NHJTF 2012 legislative report and related materials are available at: www.oha.org/nativehawaiianjusticetaskforce

This resolution would further recommendation B11 of the NHJTF report— “[l]egislation should be passed that establishes ‘earned time/good time’ credit for inmates’ behavior, including program participation while incarcerated.” Earned time programs create the possibility of better directing resources to effective programs and could reduce recidivism.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** HCR172/HR140. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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Comments: I support the Department of Public Safety, the Hawaii Paroling Authority, and the Attorney General in developing and implementing an earned time program to allow inmates to earn credit towards reducing their minimum term of incarceration by working or participating in educational and therapy programs. Earned time programs work in other states! Earned time programs also can help rehabilitate individuals, reduce overcrowding in Hawaii prisons, and save the state money. Thank you.

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