

LATE TESTIMONY

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Comments: Chair, PSM/THA Committees Honorable Members I support SB 404 in principle. If the OHA administrator and/or a resident knowledgeable about native practices, is not already included amongst the current 11 members, then both the OHA administrator and a separate individual who is knowledgeable and acceptable to the Kamaka prison population should be added to make the member to 13. However, if the Commission already has one or the other representation, it should be increased to 12, although that would pose a problem by creating an even numbered Commission, thus making a quorum and decision making problematic. If the representation currently exists from these two categories, perhaps in view of the title of the measure, a stakeholder representative should be appointed, a person who served time in prison, was released, and was pardoned, and who is a practitioner of Native Hawaiian practices of mediation, and other remediation. The prison population has been said to represent an out of proportion population of Kamaka Maoli prisoners. I would like to see the Commission not only address the situation, but make recommendations to the Legislature concerning reform of the justice and corrections system. Thank you for this opportunity to present written testimony in support of SB 405. Arvid Tadao Youngquist Kalihi Valley Feb. 7, 2013