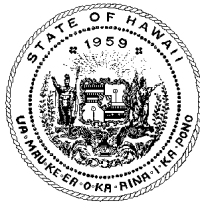


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COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL (SB) 71, SENATE DRAFT (SD1)
RELATING TO
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS
by
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 21, 2013; 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

SB 71, SD 1, Making an Appropriation for Public Safety Programs, provides funding for community-based organization to offer rehabilitative programs and services to inmates under the control of the Department of Public Safety. The Department supports the goal of this measure to provide a greater range and capacity of services to both incarcerated and transitioning inmates.

Governor's Message 226 (GM 226) proposes changes to the FY 2013-2015 biennium budget, including funds to provide necessary programs and services that will enhance the successful implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative. Corresponding offset will come from transitioning inmates back from non-state facilities (PSD 808). Many of the proposed programs and services found in SB 71, SD 1 are included in GM 226.

In light of the submittal of Governor's Message 226, we respectfully request that bills related to correctional programs and services funding be deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments related to SB71, SD1.