

# **SB 75**

## **Report Title:**

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS

## **Description:**

Establishes a two-year parole pilot program for no more than twenty inmates to be subject to high-intensity parole supervision. Requires DPS to report to legislature. Makes an appropriation for the program

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 75  
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Monday, February 11, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 16

Chairs Espero and Hee, Vice Chairs Baker and Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety **supports** Senate Bill 75, Relating to Corrections, which establishes a pilot program for no more than twenty paroled prisoners to be subject to high intensity supervision. This program would replicate the successful HOPE program that is operated by the Judiciary. It is recommended that this bill be amended as follows:

1. Section 2 and 2(e), replace "The department" with the Hawaii paroling authority as jurisdiction of parolees fall under the Hawaii Paroling Authority,
2. Ensure that proper funding and resources are available not only for the Hawaii Paroling Authority, but other agencies that would be affected by this program.

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The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) appreciates the legislature's interest in establishing a 2-year pilot program within the HPA for high-risk offenders.

It is important to note that probation and parole are inherently different. Additionally, the authority of Judges differs from the parole board. And the respective hearings each entity conducts are also different.

It should be noted that the organizational structure and statutory authority of the Judiciary is considerably different than that of the HPA. The HPA is however, willing to further review and study this matter in an effort to determine the feasibility, viability, and necessity for a pilot program.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.