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Correction: my support is for HB2205 which address strong measures to be taken for repeat offenders.

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I SUPPORT BILL SB2205 HD 1. Repeat offenders should get a strong message that prying on law abiding citizens is WRONG.

Agricultural thefts have been going on for years and as a farm owner it is disheartening to see my annual crop of lychee stolen. It is as good as someone stealing your money from your pocket.

Your support on this bill is much needed.

Esther Ohta
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Aloha Chairman Hee and members,

Please pass HB 2205 - eliminating the probation option for those convicted of habitual property crimes.

My car was broken into last year in the former Kahala Blockbuster parking lot. My window was smashed, my purse was stolen, all my IDs/credit cards/cash was taken, and the thief even took my glasses. I thus suffered, unable to see clearly, for far too long. Fortunately, there were no urgent medications in my purse, without which one could have died. Also fortunately, I was not physically harmed. Many other theft victims are not so lucky. Nevertheless, I suffered nightmares for months after the event, and flashbacks of the violent invasion. I still do not feel safe, as I did before the event. Theft has many psychological ramifications beyond immediate property loss.

The fellow who stole my purse was about 30 years old, scruffy, Caucasian, driving a beaten up car (likely itself stolen) packed with paraphernalia. He wore red-tinted sunglasses at 10pm, and spoke in a manner that suggested he was very high on drugs. I pleaded with him and ran after his car, but he drove off with my purse, and even tried to use my credit card immediately at a gas station. Fortunately, I cancelled the card before he could make bigger purchases.

The point of all this: There is no excuse for theft, and most of the sociopaths who steal from innocent strangers are bound to repeat their crimes because they get away with it. When I was robbed, I gave the police the fellow's license plate, and they found him. However, he refused to be searched and they declined to force him because they said there was not enough physical evidence. (I had not physically seen the smash into my car because I was in Blockbuster at the time, exchanging a video for about 90 seconds. I did see the only person who'd been in the lot take off with my things, though and he verbally told me he was the one.) It kills me to this day to think that he got away with it -- without even a slap on the wrist!

This criminal had no excuse, other than greed, addiction and malice. I am certain that I was not his only victim. If repeat theft offenders were kept behind bars - or otherwise disposed of - this man would not have been able to violate many lives...and get away with it.

Mahalo, Elise Anderson

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Comments: add an undetermined term of imprisonment of mandatory minimum per of one year without the possibility of parole

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Aloha,

We strongly support Bill SB2205HD1!

Our Islands have too much crime being committed by repeat offenders and this viscous cycle needs to end!! We need to support the hard work of our Police Officers and send a strong message to these criminals that it will no longer be tolerated. If we put a stop to this, it will also help will our drug problems, since this is what is fueling them.

Thank you for helping our Island communities, STATE wide!!

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