

HB 2333 HD2

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE INTEGRATED SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM.

Requires the Statewide Integrated Adult Sex Offender Treatment Program to employ a best practices philosophy for the treatment of adult sex offenders. Directs the Program to develop standards and guidelines for the assessment, evaluation, treatment, and supervision of adult sex offenders. Identifies the Program's coordinating body as the "Adult Sex Offender Management Team". (HB2333 HD2)

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL (HB) 2333, HOUSE DRAFT (HD) 2
RELATING TO THE
STATEWIDE INTEGRATED SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM

by
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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Monday, March 17, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

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

The Department of Public Safety is in **support** of HB 2333, HD 2, the purpose of which is to amend chapter 353E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to reflect nationally recognized best practices in the statewide, integrated programming for adult sex offenders. The recommended amendments would expand and strengthen the Statewide Integrated Sex Offender Treatment Program by specifically identify the "Sex Offender Management Team" as the coordinating body responsible to oversee the development and implementation of sex offender treatment programs in the State of Hawaii.

We offer the following reasons for our support:

1. The complex nature of crimes of sexual offenses and the extreme emotional and physical harm on victims necessitates implementation of a statewide integrated sex offender treatment program, based on nationally recognized best practices to sex offender management;
2. The statewide Master Plan for sex offender management programs requires the amendment to include statewide integrated services for adult sex offenders;
3. Nationally recognized best practices in sex offender management include additional areas, other than treatment, such as, on-going assessment, evaluation and supervision;
4. Standards for service delivery assists in ensuring best practices are implemented, and offender rehabilitation and victim safety are paramount;
and
5. The name of the statewide coordinating body should reflect its scope.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony in Support of HB 2333

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I am in favor of HB 2333, the purpose of which is to amend Chapter 353E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to establish a State wide "Sex Offender Management Team" as a coordinating body to oversee the implementation of best practices in sex offender treatment programs.

I believe that it is very important to utilize the current research in the field to treat sex offenders. This is a crime that has grave and lasting effects of the victims. We know that most sex offenders have many more victims than those that come forward. Anything that serves to interrupt this cycle of sexual assault should be given our support.

I believe that by establishing a state wide team, Hawai'i can standardize the programs across the state and allow the free exchange of information among the counties. This can hopefully lead to better and more effective programs everywhere.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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