

LATE TESTIMONY

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Sen. Will Espero, Chair

Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

3:00 p.m.

Room 224

SUPPORT INTENT OF SB 2309 - REENTRY

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee!

Hau`oli Makahiki Hou! My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies for more than a decade. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 5,800 Hawai`i individuals living behind bars, always mindful that approximately 1,500 Hawai`i individuals are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

SB 2309 makes an appropriation to the department of public safety for the establishment and implementation of a re-entry facility for criminal offenders, which will include a 250 bed residential program as well as a day reporting program.

Community Alliance on Prisons strongly supports reentry.

We believe that a network of smaller programs in the community that are close to transportation and work centers are preferable. Reentry involves a lot, especially for someone who has been institutionalized for many years. These programs would assist and support individuals in making a successful transition back to the community.

We applaud the Chair for working on ways to protect our community while helping people get their lives back together.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Comments: Aloha, This is a program much needed in our home state, to take care of our own at home, to prepare them for a new life in our own communities. We have already experienced the catastrophe of sending Hawaiian People to the mainland to serve out sentences imposed for conduct occasioned here at home, in death, injury and no rehabilitation to help them make life changing choices in behavior to re-enter life in Hawaii. These programs have been proposed in the past, with residential and technical institute types of programs to prepare our people for a life AFTER crime. The time now to make this happen! We have the People, The Program and the Promise!

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Attention: Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Dear Committee Chair and Committee members-

My name is Peter V. Herndon, and I am in favor of the bill. I run a private consulting business and a number of my clients are very interested in creating a program that will teach and apply union trade skill level training as well as other vocational programs and job placement for re-entry candidates from the public safety department and presentencing candidates as well. Our program will be a hands on approach to assimilating and training these candidates to becoming productive members of society.

We believe that a better solution to this continuing issue can be more effectively done in Hawaii by local stakeholders.

I am in full support of SB 2309 and will be following it closely through this session. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,

Peter V. Herndon

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Attention: Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Dear Committee Chair and Committee members-

My name is Spencer N N Jung Robinson, and I represent the Aloha Re-Entry Center. Our program is a Vocational Re-Entry program that teaches and applies union trade skill level training and job placement for re-entry candidates from the public safety department and presentencing candidates as well. Our program is a hands on approach to assimilating and training these candidates to becoming productive members of society. We run a facility and program that has operating business entities and houses these candidates.

I am in full support of SB 2309 and will be following it closely through this session. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,

Spencer N N Jung Robinson