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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL (SB) 2315, SENATE DRAFT (SD) 1
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
TO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES

Ted Sakai, Director
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House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 13, 2014; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** SB 2315, SD 1. The bill, as written, will provide PSD resources to engage an inmate in addressing substance abuse problems upon entry into the Reception, Assessment and Diagnostic Unit at the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF). This bill will increase the availability of substance abuse treatment services at HCF. Inmates will benefit by receiving appropriate substance abuse treatment services based on their assessed level of care.

The interaction of inmates with a certified substance abuse counselor in the initial stage of the incarceration period may help motivate inmates to seek treatment and participate in other correctional programs that promote education, positive social behavior, or vocational training.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Rep. Henry Aquino, Chair

Rep. Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair

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10:00 a.m.

Room 309

SUPPORT SB 2315 SD1- FUNDING for SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AT HALAWA

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing, and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, 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 2315 SD1 appropriates funds to the PSD to provide substance abuse treatment services to Halawa Correctional Facility inmates.

With the current news of ACOs being busted for bringing in drugs, we imagine the need for substance abuse treatment at Halawa is great. Therefore, Community Alliance on Prisons supports dedicating money for substance abuse treatment at Halawa.

We suggest that the committee ask the department to file a report before the opening of the 2015 Legislature outlining how this money was spent, how many treatment slots were available, the number of individuals who completed the program(s) and the after care provided to those who completed the program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



SB2315 SD1 Substance Abuse Treatment for Halawa

- COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY: Representative Henry Aquino, Chair; Representative Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair
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HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION Supports SB2315 SD1

Good Morning Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing, and Distinguished Committee Members. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide organization of more than twenty non-profit treatment and prevention agencies.

The connection between drug abuse and crime is well known.

50% to 67% of inmates in jails and State and Federal prisons meet standard diagnostic criteria (DSM-IV) for alcohol/drug dependence or abuse. Yet only 7% to 17% of these prisoners receive treatment in jail or prison.

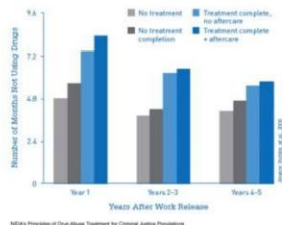
Left untreated, drug-abusing offenders can relapse to drug use and return to criminal behavior. This jeopardizes public health and public safety, leads to re-arrest and re-incarceration, and further taxes an already over-burdened criminal justice system.

Prolonged abstinence does NOT cure addiction.

Drug abuse treatment in criminal justice settings include therapeutic communities (TCs) in prison and community work-release settings, drug courts designed to blend treatment with judicial monitoring and sanctions, Treatment

Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) case management approaches, and drug treatment alternatives to incarceration.

After treatment in prison, research strongly indicates that continuing treatment and aftercare in the community is needed to sustain gains.



Follow-up Community-Based Treatment is Necessary

Combining prison-based treatment with community-based treatment upon release reduces the risk of recidivism, decreases substance abuse, improves prospects for employment, and increases pro-social behavior.

Medications Can Improve Treatment and Reduce Crime

Research shows that combining treatment medications with behavioral therapy is the best way to ensure success for most patients. Yet despite known efficacy, pharmacological treatments for drug addiction are underused in the criminal justice system.

**Treatment with Medications
Can Work with Criminal Justice
Populations**

Case management and referral to other medical, psychological, and social services are crucial components of treatment for many offenders.

**Treatment reaps the
greatest cost savings.**

Treatment for adults and adolescents is cost-effective because it reduces costs related to drug use, health care, and crime, including incarceration costs. Adding treatment components to both in- and out-of-prison reaps the greatest cost savings.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony and are available for questions.

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sherrian witt	Witt Counseling Service	Support	No

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Heather Lusk	The CHOW Project	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill so those who struggle from addiction will get the support they need while incarcerated. The CHOW Project sees many of our participants cycle through corrections but many do not get the drug treatment services they desperately need. Please support this bill!

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Graham Ellis	Individual	Support	No

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RaeDeen Karasuda	Individual	Support	No

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Paul A. komara, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 2315 to provide Substance Abuse Treatment for the inmates at Halawa.

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joy cash	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kindly support & pass this bill.

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A Kathleen Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Senators of the State of Hawai'i, As a psychologist and medically-trained individual, I have worked with the criminally addicted and know that we cannot expect to avoid recidivism, if we do not assist these inmates with their drug problems. Me ka pono, A. Kathleen Lee

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Koohan Paik	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

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claudia rice	Individual	Support	No

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janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

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Lanilynn Tanoai	Individual	Support	No

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K. Wakinekona	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Programs is one of the most important components in the corrections system to be able to rehabilitate incarcerated inmates housed at Halawa Correctional Facility. Lack of programs adds cost to our state due to lengthy sentences as a result of not meeting parole requirements, and recidivism due to unsuccessful re- entry. Substance abuse problems and the lack of treatment options has already been identified as a need at this facility and it is crucial that these services be made available at Halawa. This investment will save our state monies in the long run. MAHALO.

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james crowe	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB2315. It is good for public safety, for inmates, for the prison system, for the state and for the economy.

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