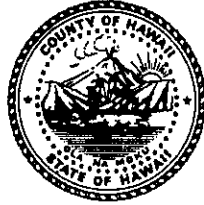


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RELATING TO KULANI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

Appropriates funds for programs at Kulani correctional facility.

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SUPPORT for SB3119, Relating to Relating to Kulani Correctional Facility

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Honorable Members,

SB3119 appropriates \$20,520,000 for correctional rehabilitative programs for FY14-15 as authorized by Act 117, 2012 Session Laws of Hawai'i.

Thank you for your support of this appropriation. I hope a portion of these funds will go towards culturally appropriate rehabilitation programs such as Pu'uhonua.

Sincerely,

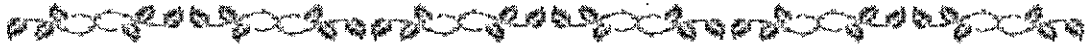
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Tuesday, February 4, 2014

3:45 p.m.

Room 224

SUPPORT SB 3119 - FUNDING PROGRAM AT KULANI

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker 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 3119 appropriates funds for programs at Kulani.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports funding for programs in all of our facilities and if Kulani is to open, we want to see a range of programs that address the needs of the people who will be living there.

Ian Lind's blog had an article about Kulani¹ last year.

I was browsing in the State Library this past week when I spotted Paahao Press, a monthly magazine published by inmates in the old Oahu Prison. According to the masthead, it was established in 1933, edited and published by inmates, and put out until 1960.

I picked up the volume for 1947, and spotted this lead editorial praising the facilities at Kulani and the commitment to providing training and educational programs for inmates.

¹ Kulani Prison praised...back in 1947, January 13th, 2013.

<http://www.ilind.net/2013/01/13/kulani-prison-praisedback-in-1947/#sthash.gLzy0hn6.dpbs>

Here's the editorial as it appeared in 1947:

EDITORIAL

The advantages of an industrial prison as opposed to the custodial type institution were pointed out by Joseph W. Sanford, warden of the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. An authority on prison industrialization, Mr. Sanford arrived in Honolulu several weeks ago at the invitation of the territorial department of institutions to assist with plans for the design and administration of a modern industrial prison at Kulani, on the Big Island.

On an inspectional tour of Kulani with members of the territorial legislature and prison officials, Mr. Sanford later described Kulani as stupendous, and was very much in favor of the proposed self-supporting plan for the prisoners.

"A prisoner at useful work that has some training value is more of an asset to the community than a man who is stagnating and confined in a cell" were emphasized by Mr. Sanford. He also added that a man who is released from prison with some skill and ability is less likely to be recommitted.

Mr. Sanford also recommended an educational program for Hawaii's prisoners, particularly those inmates who are below the fifth grade level. Beyond that, he proposes that the prison should offer as much vocational training as possible.

Needless to say, we are all for Mr. Sanford's recommendations and plans.

In order for Hawai'i to realize the benefits of Justice Reinvestment, we MUST dedicate funds to programs both inside and outside of correctional facilities..

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyle Kajihiro	Hawaii Peace and Justice	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, Hawaii Peace and Justice supports SB 3119. And we urge that the Bill be renamed as supporting a Pu'uhonua at Kulani in accordance with Act 117 passed in 2012. Ohana Ho'opakele has been the leading organization advocating for a Pu'uhonua. They should be designated as the lead entity for the new Pu'uhonua. It's time to return to a model alternative to prison rooted in Hawaiian culture --the Pu'uhonua as a place of healing where ho'oponopono and other positive steps would be taken to heal individuals, families, and our communities, reduce recidivism, and save the state a lot of money. Kulani Pu'uhonua should be the first modern day Pu'uhonua. Pu'uhonua on other islands should follow promptly. Thank you. Kyle Kajihiro

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Marya Mann	Feed the Children	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, Our organization supports SB 3119 but would urge that the Bill be renamed as supporting a Pu'uohonua at Kulani following up on Act 117 passed in 2012. Ohana Ho'opakele, not DPS, should be the controlling organization of the Pu'uohonua. It's time to return to a model alternative to prison rooted in Hawaiian culture --the Pu'uohonua as a place of healing where ho'oponopono and other positive steps would be taken to heal individuals, families, and our communities, reduce recidivism, and save the state a lot of money. Kulani Pu'uohonua should be the first modern day Pu'uohonua. Pu'uohonua on other islands should follow promptly. Mahalo for your support. Marya Mann

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Gaylene Nikora	Dream Navigator LLC	Support	No

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heather Mcvay	WSRSL	Support	No

Comments: Please support the empowerment of Native Hawaiians and reduction of disparity in the criminal justice system due to ineffective rehabilitation methods! Let's go back to a system that works and helps people help themselves.

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support. I completely agree with Jim Albertini's testimony below and would like the community group, Ohana Ho'opakele, to be very much involved. Warehousing people isn't doing any of us any good, we need a new direction. Aloha Senators, Our organization supports SB 3119 but would urge that the Bill be renamed as supporting a Pu'uuhonua at Kulani following up on Act 117 passed in 2012. Ohana Ho'opakele, not DPS, should be the controlling organization of the Pu'uuhonua. It's time to return to a model alternative to prison rooted in Hawaiian culture --the Pu'uuhonua as a place of healing where ho'oponopono and other positive steps would be taken to heal individuals, families, and our communities, reduce recidivism, and save the state a lot of money. Kulani Pu'uuhonua should be the first modern day Pu'uuhonua. Pu'uuhonua on other islands should follow promptly.

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Marie Fontana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am for Kalani Pu'uuhonua run by Ohana Ho'opakele.

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Mary Marvin Porter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To have this model alternative to prison rooted in Hawaiian culture is a wonderful opportunity.--the Pu'uhonua as a place of healing where ho'oponopono and other positive steps would be taken to heal individuals, families, and our communities, reduce recidivism, and save the state a lot of money. Kulani Pu'uhonua should be the first modern day Pu'uhonua. We badly need alternatives to our prison system. Please support SB3119

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Carol Murry	Individual	Comments Only	No

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tj simms	Individual	Support	No

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Lisa Kirbin	Individual	Support	No

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penny s	Individual	Support	No

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Jon Olsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Of all places in the world, Hawai'i is the one where the alternative to "normal" prisons should take place. What a lesson for the world if confinement can truly be combined with constructive and nurturing rehabilitation of people broken in spirit! Such a plan would be the antithesis to Guantanamo and places like it. Please make it happen. I lived on Oahu for 36 years and regard Hawai'i as much as home as this place in Maine where I grew up. Aloha to all, Jon Olsen

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Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Pu'uhonua @ Kulani run by Ohana Ho'opakele. Please pass! Thank you!

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Renie Lindley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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RaeDeen Karasuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I respectfully submit my testimony in strong support of SB3119. Mahalo nui, RaeDeen Karasuda, PhD

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Arnold Kotler	Individual	Support	No

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Lezlie Kiaha	Individual	Support	No

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sherrian witt	Individual	Support	No

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The complex interplay among biological, psychological, and environmental factors in influencing a person's overall well-being is something that Native Hawaiians have long realized (Mokuau, 2011). In order to achieve optimal health, Native Hawaiians believe that there needs to be a harmonious balance among all parts of the individual (biological, psychological, social, spiritual) and his or her world (individual, family, community, environment). Current Hawaii data indicate that Native Hawaiians have the worst health status compared to all other ethnic groups in the state; we suffer from the highest rates of chronic disease (e.g. diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease, certain cancers, obesity) and poorest health behaviors, as reflected in the high prevalence of tobacco and substance abuse (Hawaii Health Data Warehouse, 2010). In 2010, the rate of Native Hawaiian death caused by heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes exceeded that of all other ethnicities in Hawai'i by an average of 63%. On top of these negative physical health outcomes, Native Hawaiians continue to suffer from high rates of emotional distress and depressive symptoms compared to other ethnic groups in Hawai'i and the U.S. Native Hawaiians are overrepresented at every stage of the criminal justice system and account for the highest population in our State facilities. Although Hawaiians and Part-Hawaiians make up over 29% of Hawai'i's total population, they account for 40% of the population in the women and men's prisons and over 50% of the population in juvenile facilities.

Although numerous socioeconomic and historical factors have contributed to the current plight of Native Hawaiians, it is no question that the failure of our health care, legal, and political systems to provide culturally competent services has added to this devastation. I firmly believe that Native Hawaiians would greatly benefit from approaches that draw upon the strengths of Hawaiian culture, with core elements including spirituality, and cultural values such as *kokua* (helpfulness, cooperation), *kuleana* (right, responsibility), *lokahi* (balance, unity), and *aloha*. The traditional Native Hawaiian practice of ho'oponopono and a decentralized pu'uhonua would help to support our Native Hawaiian brothers and sisters most effectively as they learn to amend lifelong socially acquired patterns of behavior and values. I support SB3119 and firmly believe that only through culturally competent approaches can we restore balance and harmony to our Native Hawaiian families and communities.

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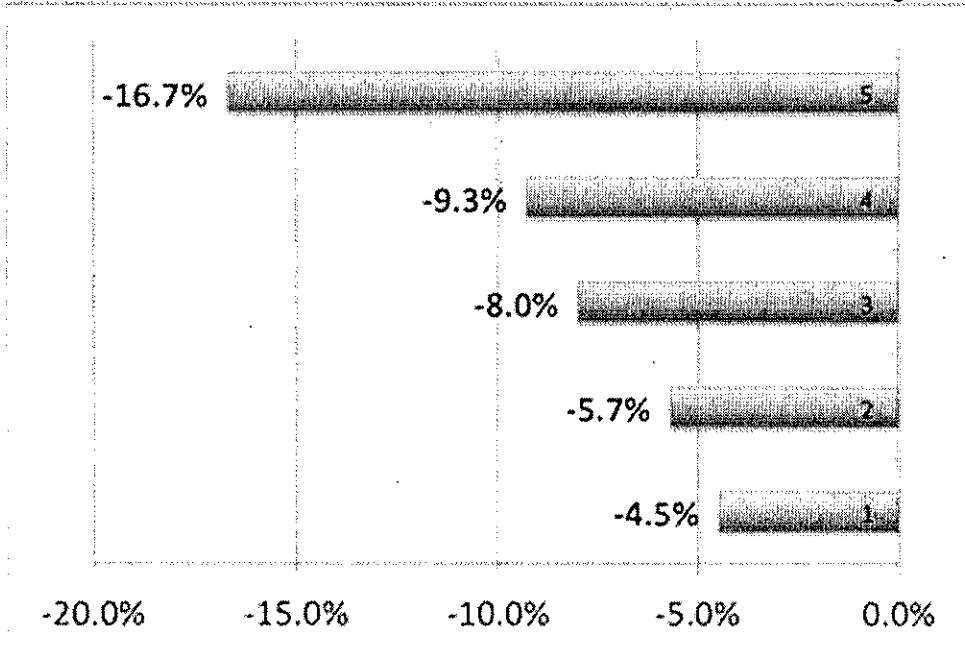
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RELATING TO KULANI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Aloha to Senator Espero, Senator Baker and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs. My name is Luella Nohea Crutcher and I am speaking for myself.

I hope that these funds are **set aside** for Kulani as a Pu`uhonua (**supporting Act 117**), **away from the prison system**. A Pu`uhonua will not work if it is within a prison system. It is the environment, the atmosphere of a Pu`uhonua that **is the key**. And the punitive environment of a correctional facility is not appropriate for a Pu`uhonua.

You can set up programs within the prison system that support the Pa`ahao. You can even include traditional practices. **But if the environment is not changed (away from punitive treatment), you will get the same results as the enclosed stat**, which is wasting money and is a band-aid treatment for Pa`ahao and wasting time.

Recidivism rate lowered based on Type of Program



- 1 – Drug Treatment in Jail – minus 4.5% of the recidivism rate
- 2 – Drug Treatment in Prison - minus 5.7% of the recidivism rate
- 3 – Adult Drug Courts - minus 8.0% of the recidivism rate
- 4 – Drug Treatment in Community – minus 9.3% of the recidivism rate
- 5 – Intensive supervision treatment-oriented programs – not in penal system - minus 16.7% of the recidivism rate

Source: Steve Aos, Polly Phipps, Robert Barnoski, and Roxanne Lieb
The comparative costs and benefits of programs to reduce crime
(Olympia: Washington State Institute for Public Policy, 2001)

As you can see by the stats, treatments within the prison systems kept higher recidivism rates. The program that was not run by the penal system had the greatest success in lowering the recidivism rate. There are no stats that show if a Pu`uhonua would work, but the stats above illustrate that Residential Programs (and Pu`uhonua is residential) away from penal system had the lowest recidivism rate.

Pu`uhonua Lifestyle Structure or Residential Drug Programs	Chemical Dependency Program within the prison system
Free of prison guards that believe in punishment.	Guards believe in punishment and some have a history of cruel punishment.
Staff that is supportive and treat them with dignity and that the men and women living there feel safe.	An environment that keeps prisoners on edge, and is not a safe environment.
Staff are pono and are good role models, focused on wellness.	History of guards beating prisoners, or allowing them to be beaten by other prisoners. History of guards committing crimes, such as selling drugs, stealing from the system, therefore not representing good role models
Environment is conducive to supporting men and women in making positive changes in their lives.	Environment is difficult for prisoners to make changes, because they have to be alert to what is going on around them in regards to their safety.
They can be real and express their real feelings.	It is difficult for them to be real and express their true feelings. They are in survival mode, and they could be put in lock up for expressing themselves

Please keep in mind that I am not saying the Pu`uhonua is like a chemical dependency program, **because it isn't. A Pu`uhonua is a lifestyle, not a program**, and I believe a Pu`uhonua Lifestyle would demonstrate an even lower recidivism rate.

The big difference is that the Free Standing Chemical Dependency Program represents a western concept and is a program. The Pu`uhonua Lifestyle Structure is offering a Hawaiian Lifestyle. It is not a program, it is the way our ancestors lived. So staff at a Pu`uhonua is supporting the Hawaiian Lifestyle structure with Hawaiian values and utilizing Ho`oponopono and other traditional practices, where Aloha and Ohana is the key.

Why a Hawaiian Lifestyle Pu`uhonua? Because even though Hawaiians represent 24% of the population, RaeDeen Keahiolalo-Karasuda in her dissertation (The Colonial Carceral and Prison Politics in Hawai'i) states that 60 % of the prison population is Hawaiian, rather than 41% that state stats show. Kanaka Maoli also have –

- Highest incidence in felony arrest and convictions
- longer prison sentences
- longer probation terms
- more revocations of those probations

I hope you agree with me that it is time to deal with this issue that the stats demonstrate. The current system is not working in lowering recidivism. And lets not spend this money on another bandaid and waste time and money. So please be sure this money goes for the Pu`uhonua Lifestyle Structure rather than a correctional facility, at Kulani. And if Kulani is not available, put that money in reserve for a Pu`uhonua - Soon!

Mahalo – Luella Nohea Chang Crutcher

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Comments: My wish is for Ho'oponono and other traditional Hawai'ian healing practices be implemented, and for the center to lead the way back to Pu'uhonua, a place of refuge and true healing for the health of the extended community. Ohana Ho'opakele should be working along with DPS, for this Pu'uhonua.

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Robert K. Merce	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senator Espero and Committee Members: I strongly support SB 3119. Using traditional Hawaiian cultural practices for healing has been a dream of many Native Hawaiians for decades. Puuhonua has received national attention and may prove to me valuable not only for Hawaii but for all states. Please support this bill and fund puuhonua. Aloha, Bob Merce

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Thomas Travis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As I understand it, SB 3119 provides fiscal year funding of \$20,520,000 for 2014-2015 to provide correctional rehabilitative programs authorized by Act 117. It is most important that this funding be maintained so that action can be taken to help break the cycle of incarceration of Native Hawaiians. This cycle must be broken to make a small step in setting right the damage done to the Hawaiian Culture. But also this cycle must be broken to make this land meet its promise to all of its inhabitants. I strongly support full funding of Act 117 through Senate Bill 3119

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Aloha Senate Committee,

I support SB3119 relating to funding a Pu'uhonua at Kulani Correctional Facility. I strongly believe that rehabilitation through culturally relevant and appropriate interventions is the most effective way to heal Hawai'i's incarcerated. A Pu'uhonua will help accomplish this as it draws upon Native Hawaiian culture and values, including practices such as ho'oponopono that will help our brothers and sisters participate more fully in our communities, while also cutting incarceration costs to the State. I humbly ask that you support this bill.

Me ka o 'ia'i'o,

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