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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2188, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HAWAII CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES

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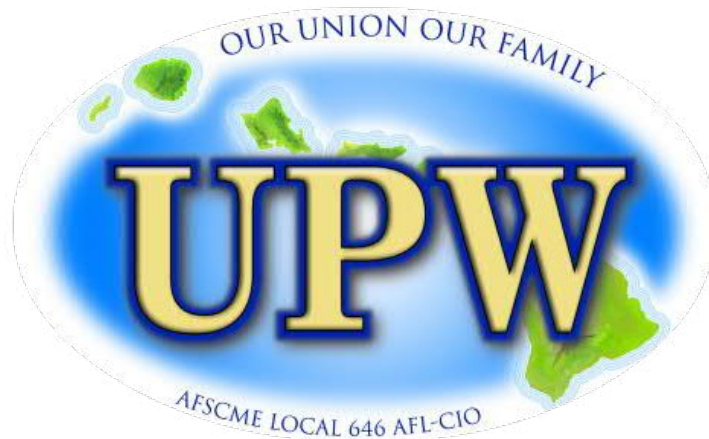
House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 2, 2016; 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill (HB) 2188, House Draft (HD) 1, which would allow the Hawaii Correctional Industries (HCI) to sell goods and services to the general public. The passage of this bill will substantially improve Hawaii Correctional Industries' ability to be financially self-sufficient and increase work training opportunities for inmates at no additional cost to the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



The Hawaii State House of Representatives
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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2188, HD1 RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL
INDUSTRIES**

By Dayton M. Nakanelua,
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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, state director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, and AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 11,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties.

HB2188, HD1 authorizes the Hawaii Correctional Industries to sell products on the open market and to the general public. The UPW **supports** this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB 2188 HD1 - OPEN SALES OF HCI PRODUCTS & CRAFTS

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies in Hawai'i for almost two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 6,000 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars or under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety. We are always mindful that approximately 1,400 of Hawai'i's imprisoned people 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.

HB 2188 authorizes Hawaii Correctional Industries to sell products and services on the open market to the general public. The HD1 amended this measure by clarifying that work training programs to increase the employment prospects of inmates after their release shall be offered to appropriately screened inmates in applicable work.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this measure. Hawai'i Correctional Industries (HCI) is a self-sustaining program that is finally back on track with a dynamite administrator who is committed to helping incarcerated individuals develop marketable job skills and a good work ethic. The core values of the program, *WORK THAT CHANGES LIVES*, as stated on their website <http://hawaiici.org/> are:

- *KULEANA* – Responsibility.
We accept our responsibilities, and we will be held accountable.

- *MĀLAMA* – Stewardship.
Serve, honor, protect, and care for resources; maintain fiduciary responsibility.
- *KŪLIA I KA NU’U* – Achievement.
We pursue excellence in all we do. Strive to reach the summit.
- *KA LĀ HIKI OLA* – Optimism.
We think positively.
- *HO’OMAU* – Perseverance.

These are exactly the values that “corrections” should be fostering, which is why this self-sustaining program is such a success. I have spoken to men who were in the program and many are now leading successful lives and contributing to their families and communities because of this values-based approach to rehabilitation.

This important bill changes the statute and allows open market sales of the products and crafts made by the people in the HCI program. This is a great incentive and a lesson in business at the same time. All these skills are necessary for managing one’s life.

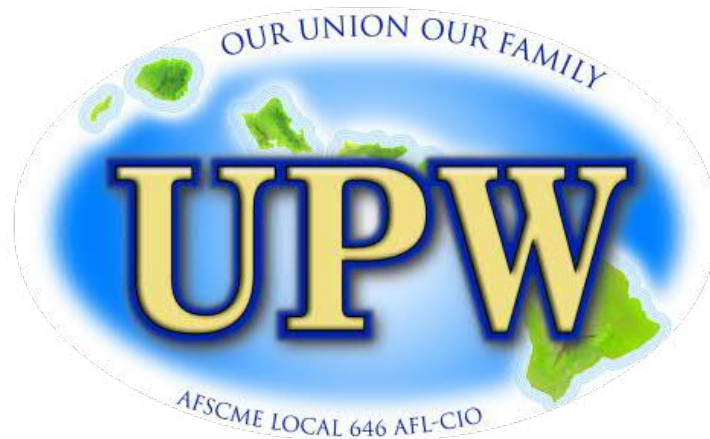
The HD1 improved the bill by emphasizing that the skills development programs should be geared to gainful employment on the outside. Finding meaningful work is one of the important strategies to reduce recidivism along with safe housing and positive relationships.

We hope the committee understands the importance of this program and supports the people in it who are working to change their lives!

What a terrific reentry strategy!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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