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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2188
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

By
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House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 4, 2016; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill (HB) 2188, which would allow the Hawaii Correctional Industries (HCI) to sell goods and services to the general public.

PSD would also like to suggest the following minor amendments:

On Page 3, Lines 12-13:

Replace "able-bodied" with "appropriately screened" inmates; and

Replace "general work" with "applicable work"...

The Department's goal is to provide HCI with the latitude to create programs that assist the participating inmates with employable skills as they exist in Hawaii's Correctional System. The support of this Committee for HB 2188 will do much to advance HCI's programs to give those incarcerated more meaningful life and career opportunities for their future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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| De MONT R. D. CONNER | Ho'omana Pono, LLC. | Support | Yes |

Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill as it good for all parties concerned: 1.) The prison administration has an effective "management tool", that helps them to control the facility (inmates focused on creating things for sale, are less problematic than inmates creating unsanctioned things that lead to prison disturbances!); 2.) Inmates have an avenue to express their creativity in an environment that is conducive to learning & empowerment. Plus, they get to earn their keep, give back to society, contribute to victims compensation & their room & board; 3.) Society benefits by supporting a worth while rehabilitative program, while also promoting a safer community (by empowering convicted felons to appreciate their own self worth when their products are sold!), and contributing to the concept of "Buy Local"; 4.) Victims compensation benefits by getting its fair share of the proceeds; 5.) Public Safety benefits by generating badly needed income to help run its Department; & 6.) Correctional Industries also benefits from reaping its share of the proceeds that helps towards their own operational costs. In th end, its the Hawaii Tax Payer that wins by bringing in added revenue. This is a WIN-WIN bill.

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| Al Lardizabal | United Public Workers | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Teri Heede | Individual | Support | No |

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| Gladys Coelho Baisa | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Bill authorizes Hawaii correctional industries to sell product and services on the open market to the general public. It's a great program that helps people develop marketable job skills and instills great work ethic and values. We need to expand programs like this to help people get out and stay out!

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RELATING TO HAWAII CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES
House Committee on Public Safety

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10:00 a.m.

Room 309

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment will recommend to the Board of Trustees a position of **SUPPORT** on HB2188, which would allow the Hawai'i Correctional Industries (HCI) to sell goods and services to the general public. **This measure will enable the HCI job training and employment program to continue to financially sustain itself, while increasing valuable training opportunities for pa'ahao.**

The HCI job training and employment program provides pa'ahao with valuable opportunities to develop marketable skills, prosocial behaviors, and a positive work ethic while incarcerated. These opportunities give offenders a sense of agency and value, facilitating their rehabilitation. The valuable job skills they learn also help ease their transition upon re-entry into the community, reducing the likelihood of recidivism. Lastly, this program may provide the only source of income for many pa'ahao to support their basic needs, pay child support, and make restitution payments while incarcerated. By allowing HCI to sell goods and services to the general public, HB2188 will allow this important program to financially sustain itself, and expand its services for the benefit of both pa'ahao and the general public.

Therefore, OHA respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** HB2188. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.