

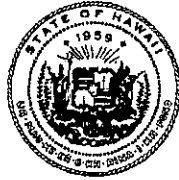
# **SB 1018**

## **RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION**

Appropriates funds for providing civil identification cards for inmates upon request prior to their release.

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs

FROM: Colin Kippen, Chair of the Hawaii Interagency Council on  
Homelessness, State Coordinator on Homelessness

SUBJECT: **S.B. 1018 – RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION**

Hearing: Thursday, February 12, 2015; 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 229; State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** S.B. 1018 appropriates funds for providing civil identification cards for inmates upon request prior to release.

**POSITION:** Support the intent of the measure. I am Colin Kippen, State Coordinator on Homelessness and the Chair of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Proper identification is a gateway requirement for an individual to apply for and receive available government services and benefits, to engage housing and to obtain employment. The

lack of proper identification prolongs the time it takes for an applicant to receive available services and benefits. Many homeless individuals routinely cycle through jails and may not have proper identification when they are released. At the time of their release, inmates may not possess the necessary documentary proof to apply for a Hawaii State ID such as evidence of one's legal name, date of birth, social security number, legal presence and proof of principal residence address in the U.S.

Senate Bill 1018 would address this problem by allowing inmates to obtain another form of identification known as a "civil identification card." The "civil identification card" may serve as a temporary measure, if recognized as an official form of state issued identification to apply for benefits, employment and housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1018  
RELATED TO IDENTIFICATION**

By  
Bert Y. Matsuoka, Chairman  
Hawaii Paroling Authority

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Roselyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 12, 2015; 1:15 p.m.  
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Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) supports Senate Bill 1018, which seeks to appropriate funds for providing civil identification cards for inmates upon request prior to their release providing passage of this measure does not negatively impact the priorities as outlined in the Governor's Executive Budget.

Issuance of civil identification cards to inmates prior to release is a sound idea which will assist them with reintegration into the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1018.

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Chair: Sen. Will Espero

Vice Chair: Sen. Rosalyn Baker

Wednesday, February 12, 2015

1:15 p.m.

Room 229

### SUPPORT for SB 1018 - PROVIDING CIVIL ID PRIOR TO RELEASE

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, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies for almost two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 5,600 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars, always mindful that more than 1,600, and soon to be rising number of Hawai'i individuals who 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 1018 appropriates funds for providing civil identification cards for inmates upon request prior to their release.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this common sense measure.

This bill would accomplish promises that have been made since the Lingle administration.

The importance of people having some form of photo identification when they are released from incarceration cannot be overstated.

We have also heard from people working with the houseless that when their clients are arrested and incarcerated, their belongings (including identification) is thrown out. We hope that this is not true, and if it is, we respectfully ask that this practice stop immediately.

We ask the committee to pass this important bill that comports with Hawai'i's reentry plans to facilitate successful transitions from institutional to community life. In this world, it is difficult to do anything without some form of photo identification.

Community Alliance on Prisons respectfully asks the committee to pass this measure.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
james crowe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good reintegration policies revitalize the former inmate, the community, their families, the workforce and improves the state economy

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Lezlie Kiaha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please amend to make it available to federal inmates who will be released in Hawaii, housed at the Honolulu Federal Detention Center.



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