



**SB2630 SD1**  
**RELATING TO HAWAII PUBLIC SAFETY**  
House Committee on Public Safety

March 17, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Room 309

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB2630 SD1, which would allow the Hawai'i Correctional Industries (HCI) to sell goods and services to the general public and ensure that the program prioritizes job training for inmates. **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 expanding the types of goods and services HCI will be able to produce, allowing the goods and services produced to be sold to the general public, and ensuring that the proceeds from these sales will be paid to inmates or reinvested in the program, SB2630 SD1 will allow this important program to financially sustain itself, and expand its services for the benefit of both pa'ahao and the general public.

However, OHA expresses concerns with the complex process for dividing program proceeds proposed in this draft. The proposed structure requires several steps of debits and divisions which prioritize victim restitution and satisfaction of inmate debt over the replenishment of the correctional industries revolving fund (which sustains the HCI program) or payment directly to the inmates for their work. We prefer the simpler guidelines for division outlined in the previous draft of this bill or the more streamlined process included in HB2188.

Upon consideration of these comments, OHA respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** SB2630 SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair

Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

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## SUPPORT SB 2630 SD1 - Open Sales of HCI Products & Crafts - Prefer HB 2188 HD2

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Yamashita 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.

SB 2630 SD1 requires PSD to annually report on the amount of moneys that have been deposited into the correctional industries revolving fund from the sale of products and crafts to the public through the correctional industries program. Requires PSD to annually report on the nexus between the workforce opportunities provided through the correctional industries program during incarceration and life after incarceration. Allows committed persons to create approved products and crafts that may be sold through the correctional industries program to the public. Requires that all moneys collected from the sale of products and crafts to be used for victim restitution, paying debts to PSD, deposit into the correctional industries revolving fund, deposit into PSD inmate activity fund, or deposit into the committed person's account. Repeals the prohibition of the sale of such products on the open market.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of the work that Hawai'i Correctional Industries (HCI) does to help individuals successfully reintegrate back to their communities. We do, however, prefer HB 2188 HD2 version of this bill which is much more straight-forward and clear.

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 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 great!

We hope the committee understands the importance of this program and supports the people in it who are working to change their lives! Please support HCI and the men and women working to change their lives.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill, as it provides a great way to help HAWAII CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES to continue to operate at NO COST to the HAWAII TAXPAYERS, while increasing opportunities for inmates to learn marketable job skills, as well as to earn monies by which they will pay back into the correctional system ( room & board ), victims compensation, child support payments and restitution all BEFORE they are released back into society. The goods & services also provide the State of Hawaii to have its Corrections Officers uniforms made right here in Hawaii at a reduced cost. This bill needs to be passed.

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**STRONG SUPPORT - SB2630 Corrections; Committed Persons; Sale of Crafts; Correctional Industries Program; Correctional Industries Revolving Fund**

**Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Yamashita and Committee members:**

**I am e. ileina funakoshi, writing to ask your support for SB2630, SD1.**

**This program, as you well know. will not only be a learning tool for some but also to give them an inner satisfaction of being able to contribute something to the community besides themselves.**

**Every facility has different activities. I received gifts of hand-carved bracelets from inmates while they were incarcerated in the Midwest. However, in AZ, those kinds of programs don't exist so to be able to come back home and be able to show the talents they have and have people desire what they created would give them hope for a better future and self-worth.**

**Its a win-win program so I ask your support by passing SB2630, SD1.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to share my viewpoints with you.**

**Mahalo and Aloha,  
e. ileina funakoshi**

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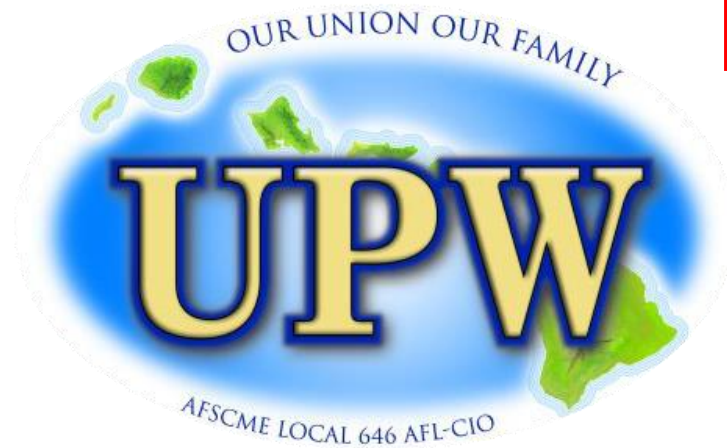
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**TESTIMONY ON SB2630, SD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

By Dayton M. Nakanelua,  
State Director of the United Public Workers,  
AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO

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.

The UPW supports the intent of SB2630, SD1.

Thank you for then opportunity to submit this testimony.