



SB2631

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| Measure Title: | RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY. |
| Report Title: | Public Safety; Work Furloughs; Appropriation (\$) |
| Description: | Appropriates funds to the department of public safety for the expansion of work furlough programs. |
| Companion: | |
| Package: | None |
| Current Referral: | PSM, WAM |
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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2631
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

By
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Senate Committee on
Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 2, 2016; 1:20 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** SB 2631 which seeks to appropriate funds to PSD for the expansion of work furlough programs.

The additional funds will serve to enhance PSD's existing work furlough programs, helping to support needed programming in workforce development, housing development, and community networking and monitoring.

During their incarceration, offenders work their way through rehabilitative programs to earn entry into work furlough, the last, challenging step to successfully transition them safely and appropriately home.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

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Tuesday, February 2, 2016

1:20 p.m.

Room 229

SUPPORT FOR SB 2631 - FUNDING FOR WORK FURLOUGH PROGRAM

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Espero 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 2631 appropriates \$250,000 to expand the department of public safety's work furlough program. Community Alliance on Prisons supports the work furlough program and we know that it can be improved by adequately preparing individuals for successful reintegration to their communities.

CAP presented a proposal to expand the work furlough program that we developed with students from the UH Shidler College of Business about 10 years ago. The business plan favored using Module 20 (which now houses the individuals in the work furlough program at OCCC). This proposal was ignored at that time. Subsequently when Module 20 hastily opened a few years ago, the men were inadequately prepared for reentry into the community. Community Alliance on Prisons received numerous calls from men in the program and families about the lack of preparation the men received before entering. This is so unfair to the men in the program and to the community.

Just as drug treatment works best when there is a treatment readiness program before treatment; work furlough needs something similar to help people safely return to their communities. Please understand that work furlough happens at the end of someone's sentence. If a person has been incarcerated for 5, 10 or more years, they need help adjusting to a world that is different than the one they left. This doesn't happen by magic. Assisting people with new technology, familiarizing them with our changing world, and developing a good discharge plan is vital for the individual's successful reintegration back to their communities.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify

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| Leilani Maxera | The CHOW Project | Support | No |

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| De MONT R. D. CONNER | Ho'omana Pono, LLC. | Support | No |

Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT this common sense bill.

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| E. Ileana Funakoshi | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Chair Sen. Will Espero, Vice Chair Tuesday, February 2, 2016 1:20p.m. Room 229 STRONG SUPPORT SB 2631 - APPROPRIATION FOR WORK FURLOUGH PROGRAMS Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Espero, and Committee Members: I am e. Ileana funaoshi writing in strong support for this measure. The appropriation of \$250,000 to DPS for expanding the work furlough program is investing in lives that can benefit the community instead of being a liability to our community. However, in expanding the program, may there be more emphasis in preparing the candidate for the furlough program so the attitude and mindset of the individual, before proceeding, will be prepared to benefit from the program. Also, can consideration be given to an inmate who has a "solid" parole program to forgo the furlough program and be released on parole since he/she will have a place to stay, an employer willing to hire him/her, etc. The success of inmates who have this type of parole program should be greater than a furloughed inmate because of the support he/she has. Thank you for allowing me to testify. Aloha and Mahalo, e. Ileana funakoshi

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| Gladys Coelho Baisa | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: This bill appropriates \$250,000 to DPS for work furlough programs. Expanding work furlough is a great strategy for reentry if the preparation of the individuals is earnest. Just as drug treatment works best when there is a treatment readiness program before treatment; work furlough needs something similar to help people safely return to their communities.

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| Sandy Salmers | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Dear PSM Committee Members, Please support SB2631. Work furlough programs help individuals to successfully reintegrate back into their communities. Thank you.

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