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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1135
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

By
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House Committee on Judiciary
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
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Wednesday, March 1; 12:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buena Ventura, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** the intent of House Bill (HB) 1135 to delete the sunset provisions of Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, applicable to PSD and the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

The Department also respectfully requests that HB 1135 be amended to include funding to conduct the validation study, as required by Act 139.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) is in support of House Bill 1135, Relating to Public Safety, amending Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, to delete the repeal and reenactment provision in section 14.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1135.



HB1135
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB1135, which would make permanent the important contributions of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative of 2012.

The Justice Reinvestment Initiative is a national movement promoting data-driven approaches to improving public safety. Twenty seven states have enacted various features of the Justice Reinvestment principals since 2010. Hawai'i's own state Justice Reinvestment Initiative, Act 139 (Session Laws 2012), currently requires the expedient administration of validated pre-trial risk assessments and limits the length of incarceration for first-time parole violators. **By relying on data-driven evaluations of defendants' flight or recidivism risks and limiting additional prison time for parole violators, these provisions allow the Department of Public Safety to reduce spending on incarceration and reinvest valuable resources into proven strategies to reduce crime and recidivism.** The Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force (NHJTF), in its 2012 report, recognized the important contributions of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, and even recommended the implementation of additional provisions not included in Act 139.¹

Accordingly, OHA supports this measure as a critical means to maintain the positive progress our state's Justice Reinvestment Initiative has made toward reforming our criminal justice system.

Therefore, OHA respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** HB1135. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

¹ The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, *Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force Report* 23 n. 28 (2012), http://19of32x2y133s8o4xza0gf14.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2012NHJTF_REPORT_FINAL_0.pdf.

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