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TESTIMONY OF SHERI T. KAJIWARA, DIRECTOR
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
Thursday, March 16, 2017, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 229

HOUSE BILL 463, H.D.1, "RELATING TO HAWAII STATE IDENTIFICATION (ID) CARDS
Position: Opposed

TO: The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy

FROM: Sheri T. Kajiwar
Director of Customer Services

The City and County of Honolulu (City) is in strong opposition to House Bill 463, H.D. 1, Relating to Hawaii State Identification (ID) Cards.

Under the City's Department of Customer Services (CSD), there are (5) Driver License (DL) Centers that issue Hawaii state identification cards. There are several reasons why the City believes this bill as unnecessary:

- Locations
 - a) The (9) Satellite City Halls which are open to the general public, are in very close proximity to the existing Driver License Centers.
 - b) Duplication of services in areas where a driver license center already exists, would not be an effective way to allocate resources.
- Funding Mechanism
 - a) Under the Real ID Act of 2005, the City will incur additional costs for security improvements such as alarms and closed circuit television. Additionally, costs to train staff, conduct background checks, and on-going labor and consumables, the City will not be able to issue State ID's at Satellite City Halls without funding from the State Department of Transportation.
- The services provided by the Satellite City Halls include motor vehicle registration, bicycle and dog registration, water bill and real property payments, issuance of disabled parking placards, and other vehicle-related transactions. The City believes that there are an adequate number of locations to meet the demand of State ID's without having to include Satellite City Halls.

Thank you for the opportunity for allowing us to convey our concerns regarding HB 463, H.D. 1.



Committee: Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 30, 2017, 9:50 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in **Support** of H.B. 463 H.D. 1, Relating to Hawaii State Identification Cards

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committees:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in support of H.B. 463 H.D. 1, which allows certain satellite city hall locations to issue Hawaii state identification cards.

A means of identification plays a huge role for a former inmate’s transition to public life. Having an official government-issued ID increases the likelihood for better job prospects, stable housing, educational opportunities, and other possibilities. Newly hired employees are often required to provide copies of state or federally issued identification. Even when individuals are able to find employment, the lack of identification makes it difficult to cash paychecks or open bank accounts. These barriers increase the likelihood of failure during initial attempts of reentry—which can result in individuals returning to crime as a means of survival. According to a study from the Legal Action Center¹ the first few weeks after discharge are extremely critical to successful reentry and preventing recidivism. Thus, it is imperative to make this transition as smooth as possible by allowing more expedient and convenient opportunities to obtain state identification.

For these reasons, the ACLU of Hawai’i urges the Committees to support H.B. 463 H.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandy Finlay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mandy Finlay
Advocacy Coordinator
ACLU of Hawaii

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and

¹ Legal Action Center, *After Prison: Roadblocks to Reentry; A Report On State Legal Barriers Facing People with Criminal Records*, (published 2004) available at http://lac.org/roadblocks-to-reentry/upload/lacreport/LAC_PrintReport.pdf.

Chair Keith-Agaran, Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committees

March 30, 2017

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public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for 50 years.

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9:50 am

Room 211

STRONG SUPPORT - HB 463 HD1 - STATE IDENTIFICATION

Aloha Chairs Keith-Agaran and Tokuda and Members of the Committees!

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 two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the almost 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 more than 1,600 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.

HB 463 allows any satellite city hall in any county with a population of more than seven hundred thousand persons to issue Hawai'i state identification cards. Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this bill. The HD1 just defected the date.

Lack of identification is one of the biggest barriers to reentry for people exiting incarceration. Without it a person cannot open a bank account, cash a check, register to vote, secure a place to live, or even get a library card.

Lack of identification is also crucial for those in our community who live unsheltered. The department asserts that it does not throw out identification, yet family or friends must pick up the identification and personal items of those incarcerated within 30 days or it is thrown out. This is a problem for those who don't have anyone with proper identification to retrieve their belongings.

Community Alliance on Prisons thanks the committee for hearing this important bill and urges the committee to support HB 463 with an effective date!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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