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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 478, HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

by

Nolan P. Espinda, Director
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Monday, April 3, 2017; 1:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **strongly supports** House Bill (HB) 478, House Draft (HD) 1, Senate Draft (SD) 1, which seeks to appropriate funds to support a full-time (1.00 FTE) agricultural management position and to provide attendant equipment to develop the Kulani Correctional Facility's (KCF) agricultural operation and to appropriate funds for an additional (1.00 FTE) agricultural management position and attendant equipment for the Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF).

PSD appreciates the Legislature's support to enhance these programs, which utilize the rural locations of both Kulani and Waiawa in the development of appropriate reentry program options for minimum security inmates.

The Department respectfully requests the Committee on Ways and Means to consider inserting the dollar amounts contained in the original draft of HB 478 in place of the blank sums now in SD 1, with the caveat that the equipment amount for WCF not be specifically designated as it is for KCF. PSD notes that the agriculture program at Waiawa was established years ago and is in dire need of expansion,

while Kulani's program will be newly established upon the enactment of this measure. Accordingly, the Department would request that the agricultural management position (1.00 FTE) for the Kulani Correctional Facility and the agricultural management position (1.00 FTE) for the Waiawa Correctional Facility be funded in the amount of \$50,000 each.

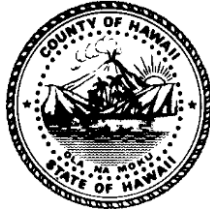
In addition, PSD would request that the sum of \$90,000 be appropriated for fiscal year 2017-2018 for KCF, for equipment and designated as follows:

- (1) \$4,800 for four egg production-chicken tractors;
- (2) \$10,000 for one water tank;
- (3) \$5,000 for five greenhouses;
- (4) \$10,000 for one processing container;
- (5) \$34,000 for one Kubota tractor;
- (6) \$3,400 for one rotary cutter;
- (7) \$3,300 for one spray tank;
- (8) \$6,500 for a tandem disc harrow; and
- (9) \$13,000 for fencing materials;

and that the sum of \$90,000 be appropriated for fiscal year 2017-2018 for WCF for equipment, to be expended at the discretion of the farm manager.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Harry Kim
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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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Hawai'i State Capitol
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**RE: HB 478 HD1, SD1
Relating to Public Safety**

Thank you for this opportunity to support an agricultural program at the Kulani Correctional Facility, part of HB 478.

Although Corrections is the kuleana of the State, I have long believed that the County should take an active interest in the treatment of, and opportunities afforded to, individuals who have been incarcerated. For that reason, in my first term as Mayor, I recruited State and community partners and established the Going Home program, which continues to operate informally today.

It is in everyone's interest that inmates, who are returning to their communities after serving their time, are as well prepared as possible to be productive members of society. The kind of training that a robust agricultural program could provide at Kulani would seem to be a perfect fit.

I encourage passage of HB 478 with adequate funding to give the program a chance to prove its value.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Kim".

Harry Kim
Mayor

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Sen. Jill Tokuda, Chair

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Monday, April 3, 2017

1:35 pm

Room 211

STRONG SUPPORT - HB 478 SD1 - AG OPERATIONS AT KULANI & WAIAWA

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz 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 two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the approximately 6,000 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars or under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety on any given day. 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.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of developing a real agricultural operation and providing the necessary resources, including an agricultural manager at Kulani and Waiawa prisons. Consistent management of the farms at both facilities will ensure sustainability.

It is common knowledge that the majority of our imprisoned population are of Native Hawaiian ancestry, and connecting people with their ancestral lands can only produce positive benefits for the individuals working there as well as for the farms. Hawai'i has the perfect weather to grow our own food. It would be great if all our facilities, where feasible, established farms! We know that food affects behavior and a plant-based diet that adds more fresh fruits and vegetables could help the management of our facilities.

The benefits of having agricultural operations are numerous outside of providing a more nutritional diet for our imprisoned people. The program can teach marketable skills to our people serving sentences as Hawai'i focuses on food self-sufficiency and sustainability.

We must always remember that today's inmate is tomorrow's neighbor and we want people to return with skills, knowledge, and a strong desire to help build more safe, healthy and just communities.

Mahalo for this opportunity to champion HB 478 HD1!

Jill Tokuda
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

RE: H.B. 478 HD 1 SD 1

Conference Room 211, Monday, April 3, 2017 at 1:35 pm

My name is Erin Paulin and I am a student at UH Manoa's Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. I am testifying on behalf of HB 478 HD 1 SD 1. I am in support of HB 478 HD 1 SD 1.

As a student who has had practicum at both TJ Mahoney and Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility, I have seen and heard about different programs that were meaningful and helpful those who are and those who have been incarcerated. Programs that I have heard the most positive feedback from have been land based programs. These programs assist in teaching lifetime skills and gives individuals responsibility and promotes self empowerment. By supporting this bill not only would it help decrease recidivism and prison costs, but also give back to the non-adjudicated community by adding people to the labor force who are skilled and hardworking. Programs and structure such as HB 478 suggests will assist in decreasing prison costs, skill build, provide land based therapy, teach responsibility, and promote a self sufficient prison and prison community. This is not just an investment in the prison system but also a positive investment in those who will be looking for jobs and returning to their families after incarceration. These individuals will then have the skills to support their families in a prosocial way which could in turn help cut down the cycle of incarceration in a family unit.

This would not just benefit the criminal justice system but the community as a whole. I support HB 478 HD 1 SD 1 and strongly believe that it will have a big impact on reducing recidivism by teaching those who have been incarcerated skills for a prosocial lifestyle after incarceration.

Erin Paulin

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Comments: Cost effective by supplying harvested produce for facility and provides training for prepare them for release. Manager will provide the management and accountability necessary for the operation of the farm land.

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