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Testimony to the House Committee on Public Safety

Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Matthew LoPresti, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 23, 2017 10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

by
Sidney Nakamoto
Probation Administrator, First Circuit

Bill No. and Title: House Concurrent Resolution No. 157, Relating to Correctional Justice Task Force; Judiciary; Recidivism; Inmate Population.

Purpose: Requesting that the Correctional Justice Task Force continue its study of effective incarceration policies to reduce the inmate population, lower recidivism, and improve Hawaii's correctional system.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary is in strong support of HCR 157 which will allow the Correctional Task Force created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 85, S.D.1 to continue its work in seeking improvements regarding Hawaii's incarceration policies, correctional system, and the design of future correctional facilities.

While the Correctional Justice Task Force is set to dissolve after 2017, as a member of the Correctional Task Force, we have made progress in our efforts in creating a better system, yet we have much work left to do. The Correctional Task Force will need more time to effectively seek viable solutions in recommending an improved correctional system that will benefit all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 157
REQUESTING THE CORRECTIONAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE TO CONTINUE
ITS STUDY OF EFFECTIVE INCARCERATION POLICIES TO REDUCE THE
INMATE POPULATION, LOWER RECIDIVISM, AND IMPROVE
HAWAII'S CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM.

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House Committee on Public Safety
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Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 157, which requests the continuation of the work of the Correctional Justice Task Force to study effective incarceration policies in order to reduce inmate population, lower recidivism, and improve Hawaii's correctional system.

PSD appreciates that the Task Force is working towards the same important goals and objectives embraced by the Department and looks forward to its considered recommendations to assist in improving Hawaii's correctional system.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) is in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 157. This bill will allow the Correctional Justice Task Force to continue the study of effective incarceration policies to reduce the inmate population, lower recidivism, and improve Hawaii's correctional system. An improved prison system will allow inmates to work their way through the system by participating in appropriate programming which will give them the necessary skills/tools for successful reintegration back into the community and become law abiding citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HCR 157.



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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** HCR157. This resolution would allow the Correctional Justice Task Force to continue its efforts to understand, analyze, and make recommendations for Hawai‘i’s incarceration policies and correctional system, to ultimately reduce the growing social and economic burdens of our criminal justice system.

Decades of following a traditional criminal justice approach have now led to the highest prison population in Hawai‘i’s history. The rapid growth of our incarcerated population during the past forty years¹ strongly counsels the reexamination of our criminal justice system, including our policies with respect to criminal liability, prisoner rehabilitation, and reintegration. In addition, the overrepresentation of Native Hawaiians in the criminal justice system indicates the existence of larger systemic issues, such as implicit bias and disparate treatment in interactions from arrest, to adjudication, to final release.²

The Correctional Justice Task Force is currently sifting through the many systemic issues in our criminal justice system that may be contributing to its growing social and

¹ The number of people incarcerated in Hawai‘i increased by more than 900 percent between 1977 and 2008, and by 1,400 percent between 1977 and the present. OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, THE DISPARATE TREATMENT OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM 17 (2010),

http://www.justicepolicy.org/uploads/justicepolicy/documents/10-09_exs_disparatetreatmentofnativehawaiians_rd-ac.pdf. The Native Hawaiian community has been particularly impacted by this increase, making up 40 percent of our prison population today. In contrast, Native Hawaiians represent only 24% of the general public in Hawai‘i. *Id.* at 36.

² OHA’s 2010 study found that the disproportionate impact of the criminal justice system on Native Hawaiians accumulates at every stage, noting that Native Hawaiians made up “24 percent of the general population, but 27 percent of all arrests, 33 percent of people in pretrial detention, 29 percent of people sentenced to probation, 36 percent admitted to prison in 2009, [and] 39 percent of the incarcerated population.” Moreover, controlling for many common factors including type of charge, the study revealed that Native Hawaiians were more likely to be found guilty, receive a prison sentence, and receive a longer prison sentence or probation term than most other ethnic groups. *Id.* at 28-38.

economic costs, as well as its disproportionate impact on the Native Hawaiian community. Given the complexity of these issues, the Task Force should be afforded the necessary time and resources to carry out its work, as well as explore the potential benefits of new and progressive correctional and criminal justice approaches, such as the recommendations of the Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force. By allowing the Task Force to continue its work, this resolution may be critical to the further development of much-needed and long-awaited strategies for reducing the State's incarcerated population, reducing corrections costs, and proactively investing in public safety and recidivism reduction initiatives.

In light of the above, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** HCR157. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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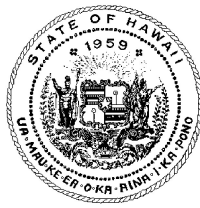
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House Committee on Public Safety
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Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Members of the House Committee on Public Safety:

Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (“Commission”) with the opportunity to testify before you today. The Commission supports this resolution with amendment to add representatives from victim advocacy groups to the task force. When developing incarceration policies, the needs of victims must be taken into consideration and special considerations must be addressed regarding perpetrators of sexual assault, domestic violence, and driving under the influence. If victim advocates do not have a seat at the table, the legislature will not have confidence that the final recommendations of the task force adequately address the concerns of crime victims and survivors, or that the final recommendations of the task force also adequately addresses public safety.

The Commission was established in 1967 to mitigate the suffering and financial impact experienced by victims of violent crime by providing compensation to pay un-reimbursed crime-related expenses. Many victims of violent crime could not afford to pay their medical bills, receive needed mental health or rehabilitative services, or bury a loved one if compensation were not available.

In 2011, Governor Abercrombie appointed the Commission to serve as a member of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) Working Group. The JRI Working Group was comprised of leading state and local officials who worked with the Council of State Governments Justice Center in

partnership with the Pew Center on the States and the United States Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, to develop a policy framework to address identified areas of concern within Hawai'i's criminal justice system and to develop data-driven, consensus-based policy options designed to reduce corrections spending and increase public safety. Part of the Commission's role as a member of the JRI Working Group was to engage crime victims, survivors, and victim service providers and advocates in identifying key issues and concerns specific to the JRI initiative. The Working Group's policy framework became the basis for the JRI legislation.

The JRI Act was not only designed to increase public safety while reducing spending on corrections, but also created the first comprehensive victim services component. The JRI victim services component made victims' needs and offender accountability key parts of the JRI Act. The JRI victim services component has since become a national model. The Commission's efforts to ensure the passage of the JRI victim services component, was recognized by the Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime, Crime Victim Financial Restoration Award in April 2013 from United States Attorney General Eric Holder. The only reason that the JRI legislation contained provisions that addressed the issues and concerns of crime victims is because crime victims were represented on the JRI Working Group that developed the JRI legislation.

HCR 157 seeks to create a task force that would develop policies focused on reducing correctional spending, alleviating inmate overcrowding at correctional facilities, lowering recidivism, and addressing other challenges. In developing these policies, the needs and safety of the crime victims and members of the community must be taken into consideration. Special considerations also must be addressed in the rehabilitation of perpetrators of sexual assaults, domestic violence, and fatalities involving driving under the influence. The advocacy groups for the victims of these crimes have the specialized knowledge necessary to adequately address the specialized treatment/rehabilitation needs of the perpetrators of these particular crimes and the safety issues of crime victims and survivors.

Thank you for providing the Commission with the opportunity to testify in support of House Concurrent Resolution 157 with amendment to add victim advocacy groups to the task force.

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Comments: MADD Hawaii supports this resolution but believes that representatives of victim agencies and organizations should be included on the Task Force.

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Jimmy Toyama	Mindful Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: Mr. Chairman and Committee Members: We support HCR 157 which extends the life of the Correctional Justice Task Force. At a time when significant transitions are occurring in the Correctional System, it would be a prudent move to extend the work of the Task Force so that it may continue to provide important insights into the occurring transitions and recommendations for changes in the system. We welcome the opportunity to provide supportive testimony on HCR 157. Jimmy Toyam President, Mindful Hawaii

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Matt LoPresti, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2017
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PLACE: Conference Room 312

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Strong support for HCR 157: REQUESTING THAT THE CORRECTIONAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF EFFECTIVE INCARCERATION POLICIES TO REDUCE THE INMATE POPULATION, LOWER RECIDIVISM, AND IMPROVE HAWAII'S CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM.

We strongly support this measure to continue the task force's work to improve our approximately \$250 million a year corrections system that results in repeat crime and prison over crowding, which endangers and harms our state and community.

The task force is carefully studying our corrections problems and making recommendations that are vital when this legislature is considering a massive investment of public resources for new prison construction.

We need unbiased consideration and research into what is in our state's best interests regarding corrections.

Legislative lobbyists paid by private prison corporations, advocate for benefits and profits for private prison companies, which conflict with the best interests for our community. Using public funds for corrections takes resources away from education, health and housing needed for our community. We need this task force to consider what is in the community's interests without being influenced by private profit interests.

Please support this measure and continue the work to find solutions to our terrible corrections problems.

Please call (808) 218-3712 or email lorenn@hawaiifriends.org for comments or questions about our testimony supporting this resolution.

Mahalo for your time and public service. Lorenn Walker, JD, MPH, Hawai'i Friends, executive director.

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STRONG SUPPORT - HCR 157 - Extending the HCR 85 Task Force

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti 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 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 approximately 1,700 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 this measure.

Tackling the huge task of reforming our correctional system should not be limited by time. The decisions made by the task force will shape corrections and should be done thoughtfully and must be data-driven and evidence-based.

The Interim Report of the Task Force presented to the Public Safety committees on February 1st was terrific and clearly demonstrated that there is much work to be done by the Task Force.

We, therefore, respectfully ask the committee to pass this resolution.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT HCR 157 REQUESTING THAT THE CORRECTIONAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF EFFECTIVE INCARCERATION POLICIES TO REDUCE THE INMATE POPULATION, LOWER RECIDIVISM, AND IMPROVE HAWAII'S CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM. Please PASS HCR 157 OUT OF YOUR COMMITTEE, mahalo.

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Chair Gregg Takayama
Committee on Public Safety
Regarding: HCR 157

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Dear Chair Takayama & Committee Members,

My name is Michael Broderick and I was the Chair of the Native Hawaiian Criminal Justice Task Force charged with making findings and developing recommendations to address the disproportionate number of Native Hawaiians in prison. Consequently, I strongly support, and have great interest in, the work of the Correctional Justice Task Force, created by HCR No. 85, S.D. 1 (2016).

HCR No. 85 has a very broad mandate, and the Task Force has very little time left to complete its work. A draft of the Task Force's final report and supporting materials must be submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau before August 1, 2017. HCR 157 would extend the life of the Task Force for another year so that the Task Force can submit an additional report, recommendations and proposed legislation on issues the Task Force does not have time to address in its 2018 report.

I strongly support HCR 157.

Thank you.

Michael Broderick

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Moses Haia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou. I fully support the intent and purpose of HR 157 to provide additional time for the HCR 85 Task Force to complete it's very important kuleana. The work of this Task Force is of significant importance to all residents of the State of Hawaii. We must ensure that we are doing all we can in the name of justice. Mahalo nui for this opportunity to stand in strong support of HR 157.
Moses Haia

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Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair LoPresti, and members of the House Committee on Public Safety,

My name is Anna Mayes. I am an organizing member of the Holomua Pu'uhonua working group formed at the urging of the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, David Y. Ige. I am also the Project Manager for E Ho'okanaka, the training project for Holomua Pu'uhonua. I am here today to support HCR 157 urging the state to allow the Correctional Justice Task Force to continue its study with an amendment to include a Native Hawaiian Wellness subcommittee.

Members, for the record, in July of 2015, I was invited to join a group of Native and non-Native Hawaiian individuals, prison reform advocates, service providers, retired State corrections' officers, Hawaiian cultural practitioners, and ex-offenders who referred to their collective effort as "Holomua Pu'uhonua" and came together twice monthly under the leadership of the late Renwick "Uncle Joe" Tassill, to discuss, research, and inform on a plausible and strategic plan for the coordination of a statewide effort to bring the concept and practice of pu'uhonua (a Native Hawaiian wellness system) to reality as stipulated in Act 117, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2012.

As part of the continued momentum set most recently with the study conducted by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) in 2010 now archived as "The Disparate Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System," and the subsequent list of comprehensive recommendations submitted in a report by the Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force in 2012, Holomua Pu'uhonua has been able to secure a grant from the Administration of Native Americans (ANA) to launch the "E Ho'okanaka (be a person of worth) Project" in October of 2016. Through this opportunity, we are currently developing a pilot curriculum to address the immediate need of assisting pa'ahao (inmates) and transitioning pa'ahao with reentry, rehabilitation and rebirth. As part of our strategic plan, we are actively engaged with community stakeholders on the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Kaua'i and O'ahu to begin the more important and long term work of addressing the chronic unresolved grief related to the historical trauma that Native Hawaiians continue to express through the social ills leading to their incarceration, their overrepresentation, the overcrowding, and the revolving door of recidivism we are now faced with in the current criminal justice system.

The chronic grief, historical trauma and re-wounding that Native Hawaiians, and particularly Native Hawaiian pa'ahao, experience are health and wellness issues related to the sudden and massive loss of life, land and culture to post western contact and colonization that now spans across generations. These significant and well documented health and wellness issues are more reasonably addressed and resolved through the many, unjustly invalidated and legally unrecognized, science-based remedies already being practiced and prescribed in our communities that reconnect Native Hawaiians to their root culture, values, principles and practices. Without the time, support, sources and resources to respond with a strategic and well concerted culturally responsive plan such as the one Holomua Pu'uhonua has been working on

since July of 2015 to coordinate a Native Hawaiian wellness system, we will fail again to address this issue not only rightly, but correctly for the generations that follow.

As a member of Holomua Pu'uhonua, and the Project Manager of the E Ho'okanaka Project, I will support HCR 157 requesting the continuance of study performed by the Correctional Justice Task Force with an amendment to include a Native Hawaiian Wellness sub-committee comprised of a member from Holomua Pu'uhonua to chair, identify and invite Native Hawaiian practitioners in the community to advise on the appropriate remedies that address the chronic grief, historical trauma, and now, the re-wounding that we are faced with as Native Hawaiians encounter and are impacted as they go through our current criminal justice system.

Mahalo for allowing me to share this testimony with the Committee.

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Robert Perkinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a professor at UH and a specialist in criminal justice policy. I have just read through the task force's interim report. It is excellent. I've read similar reports from several other states; this is one of the best. The task force's work is enormously promising. It has the potential to outline a roadmap to cut costs, foster innovation, and enhance public safety. I hope they have more time and resources to continue their work.

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HCR 157

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti and Committee Members:

I am E. Ileina Funakoshi of Pearl City writing in STRONG SUPPORT of HCR 157 to extend the work of the Task Force, HCR 85.

The work that the Task Force is performing to the study of effective incarceration policies to reduce the inmate population, lower recidivism, and improve Hawaii's correctional system is very vital in reducing the cost of incarceration, and saving valuable time of the Legislators and staff to perform the kind of study the Task Force is performing.

Therefore, I humbly ask the Public Safety Committee to approve the extend the work of the HCR 85 task force to give them time to gather information from national and international operations of incarceration/judicial system.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha and Mahalo,
e. ileina funakoshi

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Good Morning, my name is Sophie Amanda Gralapp. I apologize that I am unable to make it to this hearing in person, but I wanted to voice my strong support for the continuation of the HCR 85 Task Force in order to continue its study of effective incarceration policies to reduce the inmate population, lower recidivism, and improve Hawaii's correctional system. I am a concerned citizen that is also a doctoral candidate attending the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in the field of community and cultural psychology, which seeks to solve problems faced by marginalized populations at a systemic level.

My research focus is the individual-, family-, and community-level impacts of incarceration. Years of research and experience have informed my opinion that we – statewide and nationally – have a correctional system that is in dire need of new solutions focused on: (1) prevention - diverting individuals away from incarceration; (2) maintenance - taking better care of individuals who are currently incarcerated and will soon return to our communities; and (3) major systemic changes – e.g., lowering bail for individuals who can't afford it, early release of low level class C felons, better quality of physical correctional facilities, more programming in jails and prisons aimed at improving successful reentry for inmates, supportive services for families of inmates while inmate is under correctional control, alternatives to incarceration (and better quality of care) for individuals suffering from physical and mental illness, and lowering stigmatization of offenders and their families, to name a few.

I believe that the HCR 85 Task Force takes a step forward to ensure the future health and safety of *all* of the inhabitants of our islands; incarceration casts a long shadow and we are all affected by it. Please continue the HCR 85 Task Force so that we, as a community, can continue to work together to come up with positive solutions to the many problems associated with our corrections system. I am happy to participate and assist in any way that I can.

Thank you for your time.

All the Best,
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Robert K. Merce	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a member of the current HCR 85 Task Force which will submit a report to the 2018 legislature, but we will not be able to address all of the issues relevant to recommending effective incarceration policies, reducing the State's prison population and recidivism rate, and bring correctional costs under control. The Task Force envisioned by HCR 157 would continue the vital work of the HCR 85 Task Force, and consequently i strongly support HCR 157. Thank you for allowing me to testify on this measure.- Bob Merce

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