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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 603, SENATE DRAFT 1, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.

by

Nolan P. Espinda, Director  
Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Judiciary  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair  
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5; 2:00 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) offers the following comments of  
Senate Bill (SB) 603, Senate Draft (SD) 1, House Draft (HD) 1.

PSD will be prepared to provide the requested report on the segregation of its  
inmate population.

The Department has already expanded its OCCC Relocation site search to  
include available sites of 1 acre or more and will, as sitting members of the HCR 85  
Task Force and the Corrections Population Management Commission, continue to  
consult these bodies on all matters related to this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



*The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary**  
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair  
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 2:00 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

by  
Sidney Nakamoto  
Probation Administrator, First Circuit

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 603, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Relating to Corrections.

**Purpose:** Requires report to Legislature on solitary confinement in Hawaii and Arizona correctional facilities that house Hawaii inmates. Requires Department of Public Safety to expand the environmental impact statement process for potential sites for the Oahu Community Correctional Center relocation and submit a report to Legislature.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary supports the intent of Senate Bill No. 603, S.D.1, H.D. 1, and respectfully offers the following comments as to Section 2.

The Department of Public Safety and the Judiciary, among others, are currently collaborating on the Correctional Justice Task Force (Task Force) created by HCR 85 (2016) and the corrections population management commission about the capacity and design of the new correctional facility. The Task Force has created a design subcommittee that is working with the University of Hawaii, School of Architecture to develop recommendations based on best practices.

On February 23, 2017, the Task Force provided a briefing on its work to date to the joint House Public Safety Committee and Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs. The interim report of the Task Force may be viewed at:



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<http://www.courts.state.hi.us/house-concurrent-resolution-85>.

The Task Force will provide recommendations in its final report on how the State can significantly reduce its jail population and ensure that the new jail does not replicate the conceptual and operational problems at Oahu Community Correctional Center. With the understanding that the Department of Public Safety has begun planning for a new facility, it would be desirable to continue the collaboration with the task force to ensure that future changes in programs can be integrated in planning of a new facility.

Regarding changes in the criminal justice system with the possible expansion of Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE) and other probation programs, the Judiciary will need the support of resources for possible expansion of programs under the Adult Client Services Branch. The Judiciary's concern regarding any additional funding is that it be in addition to our requested biennium budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**SB603**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill.

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## Hawaii Federation of Republican Women

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
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### NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
TIME: 2:00 pm  
PLACE: Conference Room 325  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

### **Regarding: S.B. 501 Relating to Health**

Submitted in **OPPOSITION** by: Hawaii Federation of Republican Women

Chair Nishimoto; Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members:

We **OPPOSE SB501** Hawaii should not waste important time and funds to force this unconstitutional provision upon our residents. It is also abusive to the pro-life centers to threaten heavy fines if this coercive mandate isn't followed.

Most of the organizations targeted in this bill have made a decision not to associate with government programs and reject government programs because they have determined that those programs and services have a high potential to harm women.

This bill promotes services that can be harmful to the client/visitor's health. Warning signs would be more appropriately placed around facilities providing abortion and contraceptives since many of these services can lead to severe physical, emotional, and psychological health risks including breast cancer, blood clots, stroke, suicidal inclinations, etc..

This overreach of legislation is abusive and has been found to be unconstitutional in other states. Similar bills have been struck down by the in [Texas](#), [Maryland](#), and [New York](#).

**Vote NO on SB501.**

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Mossman, President HFRW



**LATE**

Committee: Committee on Judiciary  
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Room 325  
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in **Support of, with a Requested Amendment to, S.B. 603 S.D. 1 H.D. 1, Relating to Corrections**

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in support of S.B. 603 S.D. 1, H.D. 1, which requires the Department of Public Safety to report on the use of administrative and disciplinary segregation in Hawaii and Arizona correctional facilities that house Hawaii inmates, and requires the Department to expand the current environmental impact statement process for potential sites for the Oahu Community Correctional Center relocation.

In recent years, there has been increased understanding of the human cost of solitary confinement. Findings from a 2016 U.S. Department of Justice reports reveal that solitary confinement causes serious, long-lasting harm.<sup>1</sup> Although the practice’s intended use is to serve as a last resort, there has been a growing trend of correctional facilities using it as a default which disproportionately impacts vulnerable populations such as juveniles, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex inmates, and pregnant inmates.

While the ACLU of Hawaii would prefer for the bill to actually restrict the use of administrative and disciplinary segregation in Hawaii’s correctional system, we support increased oversight through the use of reporting. Moreover, the ACLU of Hawaii supports the bill’s requirement that the Department consult the H.C.R. 85 Task Force about the appropriate capacity and design of a new prison facility in light of progressive criminal justice reforms that may decrease Hawaii’s incarceration rate. The State must look to long-term, comprehensive criminal justice reform prior to constructing any new correctional facility. Even with the best intentions of alleviating unconstitutional prison conditions, moving forward with plans to build a new prison without reform aimed at reducing the incarcerated population would be pulling the cart before the horse.

In order to more thoroughly examine how solitary confinement may be used disproportionately against vulnerable populations in correctional facilities housing Hawaii inmates, the ACLU of Hawaii respectfully requests Section 1 be amended as follows:

(3) The number of ~~transgender inmates~~ inmates who are members of a vulnerable population housed in solitary confinement, the reasons

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Justice, *Report and Recommendations Concerning the Use of Restrictive Housing*, January 2016, <https://www.justice.gov/archives/dag/file/815551/download>

for their segregation, and the length of stay of their solitary confinement; and  
(4) Any other information that the director of public safety may deem relevant for this report.

"Member of a vulnerable population" means an inmate who:

- (1) Is twenty-one years of age or younger;
- (2) Is sixty-five years of age or older;
- (3) Has a mental or physical disability, a history of psychiatric hospitalization, or has recently exhibited conduct, including but not limited to serious self-mutilation, indicating the need for further observation or evaluation to determine the presence of mental illness;
- (4) Has a developmental disability;
- (5) Has significant auditory or visual impairment;
- (6) Has a serious medical condition that cannot be effectively treated in isolated confinement;
- (7) Is pregnant, is in the postpartum period, or has recently suffered a miscarriage or terminated pregnancy; or
- (8) Is actually or is perceived to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex.

The practice of solitary confinement in Hawaii's prisons should be closely monitored and regulated to ensure that it is only used when absolutely necessary. For this reason and others, the ACLU of Hawaii supports this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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 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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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jimmy Toyama	Mindful Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: Mr Chairman and Committee Members: Mindful Hawaii supports SB 603. SD1, HD1.

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## COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Chair

Rep. Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

2:00 pm

Room 325

### COMMENTS ON SB 603 SD1, HD1 RE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura 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 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 strongly supports the original version of SB 603.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Hearing Dt: April 05, 2017

Room 325

Comment:

I am Mr. Theodore Robinson testifying to say I prefer the original SB 603 without the amendment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments for this very important Bill.

Mahalo and Aloha,  
Mr. Theodore Robinson

## JUDtestimony

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Hearing Dt: April 5, 2017  
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Room 325  
COMMENT

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

I am Junet Higashihara of Moanalua Valley testifying to say I prefer the original SB 603.

Thank you for the opportunity to providing my comments.

Mahalo and Aloha,  
Junet Higashihara

## JUDtestimony

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Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair  
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
Hearing Dt: April 5, 2017  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Room 325  
SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

I am elayne ileina funakoshi, a community volunteer for 43 years, who is very grateful for your scheduling SB603 for a hearing.

The need to set guidelines for segregation has been long overdue. Having a private entity have the freedom to apply their own policies is not fair to our residents. We sentence individuals for criminal activities to our prisons, but not to abuse them so they become more hardened.

I humbly ask the committee to please pass this legislation so differences can be ironed out.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha,  
elayne ileina funakoshi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert K. Merce	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: There is a growing body of scientific evidence that solitary confinement and administrative segregation are harmful practices that can exacerbate mental illness and can lead to psychosis and suicide when used for an extended period of time. It is therefore entirely appropriate for this committee, as part of its oversight responsibilities, to gather data on the use of these practices so that it can enact legislation restricting them if necessary. I also strongly support the provision of SB603 SD1 HD1 that requires the Department of Public Safety to consult with the HCR 85 task force on the size and capacity of any proposed new jail. The Task Force has learned a great deal by reviewing best practices in jail planning and I have no doubt that PSD could benefit from what we have learned. Thank you for allowing me to testify. Bob Merce Member, HCR 85 Task Force

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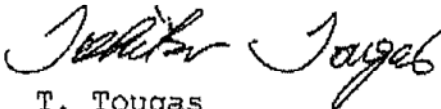
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SUPPORT SB603

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura  
and Committee Members:

Good morning. I am Toshiko Tougas a tour guide living in  
Pearl City with my family.

I was born in Japan where prisoners are treated more  
humanely than America. For that reason, I am writing to  
support SB 603. Before segregating any person, the  
evaluation needs to be thorough and witnessed because it is  
a severe punishment with no improvement in behavior.

Domo arigato, mahalo,



T. Tougas  
April 4, 2017

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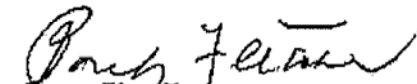
I am Rose Fletcher, a widow of an Army officer, living with my children and grandchildren in Momilani, Pearl City.

Having been deported to Japan in exchange to free American prisoners there, even though I was a Japanese-American citizen, I know how it feels to have no voice when injustices exist. It hurts very deeply when torn from your family and put among people who are not of the same culture and have un-American restrictions.

It is thus when one is incarcerated and torn from your community to live among strangers with oversight governed without adherence to any rules or lack of thereof. Helplessness leads to despair which breaks the human spirit and often leads to suicide. Therefore, I support SB603. Portions of the amendment is good so it can be discussed in conference committee.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share my heartbreak for the incarcerated torn from their families. They need to pay for their crimes, but God cares for all his children.

Aloha,

  
Rose Fletcher

April 4, 2017

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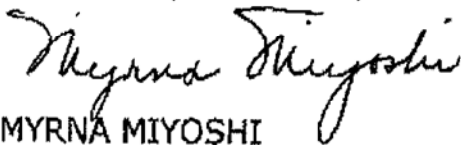
Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura and  
Committee Members:

I am Myrna Miyoshi a long-time Pearl City resident who was employed  
by the courts before my retirement.

I totally agree with SB603 in setting restrictions on the use of  
Administrative and Disciplinary segregations. Without restrictions,  
prisoners can be placed in the Seg for unreasonable reasons that has  
nothing to do with causing harm to anyone, escaping, or causing  
safety problems. The HD1 can be mitigated in conference.

We incarcerate people for their crimes, not to dehumanize them. I  
thank you for this legislation and the opportunity to share my concerns  
with you.

Respectfully submitted,



MYRNA MIYOSHI



SB603, HD1

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**SUPPORT**

I am Wini Chung, a care-giver in Honolulu, writing in support of SB-603.

My sister spent a year in jail and my brother, several years in prison. They both support this bill also, and both are employed and doing well now helping at church.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Wini Chung

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Coco Iwamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please accept this testimony in SUPPORT of SB603, SD1, HD1 with amendments. Please restore the detailed restrictions on segregation that were included in the SD1 version; they were well thought out and critical to reducing harm and liability. Please preserve the legislative oversight of segregation added to HD1 and the Section 2 requirements that DPS avoid oversizing prison capacity given our state's smart investments in alternatives to incarceration. Thank you for your consideration.

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Lois J Young	Individual	Support	No

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SUPPORT HB603

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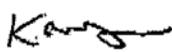
Sandy Fujikawa and I both work at Waiiau Elementary School and strongly support HB603.

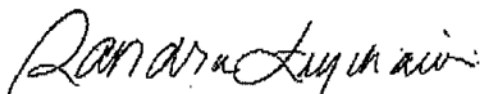
We believe that all mankind needs to be treated fairly and this bill, we hope, will avoid any injustices done in putting people in segregation by perception instead of hard facts. To use segregation for revengeful purposes must be stopped.

One of us had a spouse incarcerated and know the hardship families experience without their loved ones. To add to their financial problems the pain of their loved one's suffering sadly causes family friction.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony and thank you for your hard work.

Mahalo and Aloha,

  
Karen Yoza

  
Sandra Fujikawa

## JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair

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Room 325

SUPPORT OF SB603

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

We are writing to support SB 603, Relating to Corrections. My husband Ron and I have lived in Pearl City for decades and care for all the people of Hawai'i.

We serve in our community and help care for our grandchildren. Although they have never been in prison, when we heard of the intent of SB603 we believe that it must be approved so punishment does not destroy a person. The prison should be correcting/educating the incarcerated to prepare them for reentry into society.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.

Mahalo,

*Erma Soma*

Erma Soma

April 4, 2017

## JUDtestimony

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Room 325  
SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

My name is Edwina Y. Mayeda. I am a resident of Pearl City and I am writing to testify that I support SB 603 so it can go to conference.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide my testimony.

Mahalo and Aloha,  
Edwina Y. Mayeda  
Resident of Pearl City

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.

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Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

My name is Colleen Magdaloyo and I am a federal worker. I have worked at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard nearly 30 years. I am also a resident of Pearl City. I am writing to testify that I support SB 603 so that it can go to conference.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide my testimony.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Colleen Magdaloyo  
2284 Aumakua Street  
Pearl City, HI 96782

**LATE**

SB603 HD1  
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
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SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

I am Shirley Yamamura, whose children grew up in Pearl City. I am writing in support of SB603. A private company managing our prisons with no oversight on segregation matters need guidelines to assure that our ohana is treated fairly. The "Aloha" spirit must be maintained even in our prisons that we are caretakers of.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in behalf of the prisoners, especially in AZ.

May the committee pass SB603 so it can go to conference committee to work out a legislation that would be acceptable and doable for all concerned.

With Aloha and Mahalo,

  
Shirley Yamamura



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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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**LATE TESTIMONY**

April 4, 2017

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Hearing Dt: April 5, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Room 325

SUPPORT SB603

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura and  
Committee Members:

I am Elsie Morikawa of Millani writing in support of SB603.

Not knowing too much about the operation of the prison system, I am voicing my concerns on the effect of what segregation of a child did to my close friend.

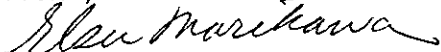
She was devastated when her son was placed in segregation because he basically obeys the rules and he is a good person. Surely, serious consideration should be given to the emotional distress it causes not only to the inmate but the family involved when placing a person in segregation for minor offenses..

I am a mother and when my child is ill, I can help care for him, but if your child is incarcerated, there's nothing you can do to help care for him. When he's placed in segregation, he cannot call you so the worries and fears pile up. My friend went through all that.

Therefore, for the love of our children, I ask you to pass SB603 to avoid such sufferings for the parents who are so far away from their loved ones. I'm not clear as to the changed made in HD1, but I'm sure the final version of the bill will create oversight for segregation of the inmates.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to send you my testimony.

Aloha,



Elsie Morikawa

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