



**SB614**  
**RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB614, 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.<sup>1</sup>

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** SB614. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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<sup>1</sup> The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, *Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force Report* 23 n. 28 (2012), [http://19of32x2yl33s8o4xza0gf14.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2012NHJTF\\_REPORT\\_FINAL\\_0.pdf](http://19of32x2yl33s8o4xza0gf14.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2012NHJTF_REPORT_FINAL_0.pdf).

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