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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2389 HD1
RELATING TO PAROLE**

By
Edmund "Fred" Hyun, Chairman
Hawaii Paroling Authority

House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

Friday, February 16, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) strongly supports House Bill 2389 HD1.

This is an Administration Bill that seeks to provide clarity regarding the awarding of "GATE" funds by the Authority, which would be subject to legislative appropriations specific to this program. The lack of dedicated appropriations for this purpose prevents the Authority from awarding GATE funds.

The HPA requests that the effective date of this measure be changed from July 1, 2050, to July 1, 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2389 HD1.

HB-2389-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 9:43:26 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2389 HD1 RELATING TO PAROLE

To the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair; the Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

Good afternoon. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 2389 HD1 relating to Parole, and Legislative Appropriations for Discharged Persons.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 2389 HD1 and supports its passage.

House Bill No.2389 HD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it specifies that funds furnished by the Hawaii Paroling Authority for discharged persons be subject to legislative appropriation.

The DPH Platform states that "[w]e support restorative justice that repairs the harm caused by criminal behaviors and reintegrates the offenders as contributing members of society. Likewise, we support opportunities for those who have been incarcerated to effect a smooth transition back into the community and make available health, educational, and other assistance programs needed to allow them to become productive and respected members of the community. (Platform of the DPH, P. 5, Lines 273-277 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 2389 HD1 specifies that funds furnished by the Hawaii Paroling Authority for discharged persons be subject to legislative appropriation, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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Submitted on: 2/15/2018 2:38:27 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Support	Yes

Comments:

We STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill, but seek an amendment mandating that the so-called "gate money", be used solely for its intended purpose and NOT for any other purpose. This "gate money" fund is NOT a slush fund for the Hawaii Paroling Authority or the Department of Public Safety.

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To: Hawaii State House Committee on Finance

Hearing Date/Time: Friday, February 16, 2018, 2PM Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 308

Position Statement Supporting House Bill 2389 HD1

Thank you Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee members,
The YWCA O'ahu **supports House Bill 2389 HD1**, which would make money available upon release.

This bill appropriates funding for “gate money”, which although a small amount at \$200, will help people get from the gate to their first paycheck. Additionally, we support an amendment like the SD1 of this bill's companion, which includes language on reentry practices. “Requiring that committed persons be given appropriate resource referrals before being furnished with funds to meet the committed person's immediate needs by the Hawaii Paroling Authority at discharge”.

The YWCA O'ahu **respectfully requests that this committee report favorably on House Bill 2389 HD1**. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration on this matter.

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