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STATE OF HAWAII  
**HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY**  
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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2389, HD1  
RELATING TO PAROLE**

By  
Edmund "Fred" Hyun, Chairman  
Hawaii Paroling Authority

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 1:30 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, 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.

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## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL and MILITARY AFFAIRS

Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Chair

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### SUPPORT HB 2389 HD1 - THE "DON'T BLAME US" HPA BILL

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai 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 more than two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the families of **ASHLEY GREY, DAISY KASITATI, JOEY O'MALLEY, JESSICA FORTSON AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED UNDER THE "CARE AND CUSTODY" OF THE STATE** as well as the approximately 5,500 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 approximately 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 Kanaka Maoli, far, far from their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports gate money **ALONG WITH RESOURCES AND A REENTRY PLAN** for those exiting incarceration.

This bill does nothing, except to put in statute that the reason that no gate money is provided to individual's exiting incarceration is that the legislature never appropriated money for that purpose.

In our recollection, the Hawai'i Paroling Authority has never asked for an appropriation for gate money. Therefore, this bill is to hold them blameless for not providing gate money when they could and should be asking for an appropriation to help facilitate reentry.

*"There's a sense of permanence around the department labeling somebody as an offender. There's no conclusion to the time that they are an offender."*

Dick Morgan

Washington state Acting Corrections Secretary

**HB-2389-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2389-HD-1**

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De MONT R. D. CONNER	Testifying for Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Support	Yes

Comments:

We continue to STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. Mahalo.