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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2393, HOUSE DRAFT 1
MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

by
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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 Department of Public Safety (PSD) **strongly supports** the passage of House Bill (HB) 2393, House Draft (HD) 1, which seeks an emergency appropriation for the current fiscal year to allow PSD to continue housing 248 Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) inmates out of state, in order to allow the HCF Security Electronics and Hardware Repairs and Improvement project (DAGS Job No. 12-27-5644) to go forward to completion.

PSD requires additional funds for the current fiscal year to house the 248 HCF inmates for another six months, through June 30, 2018. The current funding of the temporary housing of the 248 inmates was provided through December 2017 only. The DAGS project encountered a significant delay and is now projected to be completed by the end of 2018.

The Department respectfully requests that the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs reinstate the entire appropriation amount of \$3,361,139 in general funds for PSD 808 – Non-State Facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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OPPOSE HB 2393 HD1 - CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP WITH PROFITEERS OF MISERY

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 opposes the continued trafficking of human beings to CCA/CoreCivic. This work at Halawa has been an "on again/off again" issue for many years and each time the solution was to ship more folks out of Hawai'i instead of tackling the fact that as of July 2017, there were 255 men classified as **COMMUNITY OR MINIMUM** custody in Saguro - a **MEDIUM** security prison. Mixing populations is against all correctional best practices. It is, in fact, a formula for feeding the very hungry perpetual prisoner machine. The burning question is: **WHY DOES HAWAII WANT TO BUILD A HUGE CRIMINAL UNDERCLASS?**

Community Alliance on Prisons supports a fair, open, and transparent **JUSTICE** system, not a **CRIMINAL PROCESSING** system. Please stop funding this human trafficking and do what many **RED** states are doing: reforming a broken system.

*"You may choose to look the other way
but you can never say again that you did not know."*

William Wilberforce

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

Comments:

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Comments:

We continue to STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. Mahalo.