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February 7, 2017
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 325

H.B. 463
RELATING TO HAWAII STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

House Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is **opposed** to H.B. 463 that will allow any satellite city hall in any county with a population of more than seven hundred thousand persons to issue Hawaii state identification (ID) cards.

DOT believes this bill is unnecessary, will result in the unnecessary expenditure of DOT funds, and will cause longer lines at Honolulu's Satellite City Halls. Honolulu's Satellite City Halls provide City services which include such services as motor vehicle registration type of transactions, issuance of disability parking placards, registration of bicycles and dogs as well as payment of City bills.

The City and County of Honolulu currently has five (5) driver license offices that issue state identification cards. During the calendar years 2015 and 2016, the City and County of Honolulu issued 13,591 and 17,443 state identification cards respectively. There are nine Satellite City Halls with only Ala Moana Satellite City Hall that is NOT located close to a driver license office and NOT currently offering driver license renewal and duplicate services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TO: Honorable Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Judiciary Committee

RE: HB 463 Relating to Hawaii State Identification Cards
Support for hearing on Feb. 7

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support HB 463 as it would allow any satellite city hall in any county with a population of more than seven hundred thousand persons to issue Hawaii state identification cards. Requires a report to the legislature.

Without identification, a person cannot cash a check, get a library card, register to vote, open up a bank account, cash a check, etc. All people need identification, but it is particularly important for parolees. It can take anywhere from one month to a year for some to gather the documents needed for identification. Therefore it is sad that Hawai'i releases people with no money and no identification.

The more we can facilitate identification the better.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel
President

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Chair

Rep. Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

2:00 am

Room 325

HB 463 STRONG SUPPORT - IDENTIFICATION

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 approximately 6,000 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 1,400 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.

HB 463 allows any satellite city hall in any county with a population of more than seven hundred thousand persons to issue Hawai'i state identification cards. Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this bill.

Lack of identification is one of the biggest barriers to reentry for people exiting incarceration. Without it a person cannot open a bank account, cash a check, register to vote, secure a place to live, or even get a library card.

Community Alliance on Prisons thanks the committee for hearing this important bill and urges the committee to support HB 463!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



To: Hawaii State House Committee on Judiciary
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 2PM
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 325

Position Statement Supporting House Bill 463

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of House Bill 463, relating to Hawaii state identification cards. Practically, this bill would increase the locations to obtain a state ID. However, it would have greater implications for those receiving the ID, like access to housing, employment, and even access to the library.

Without a state ID, one cannot find employment, cash a check, open a bank account, or enter certain buildings-like the Prince Johan Kuhio Kalanianaloe Federal Building. Being able to visit more locations to obtain an ID can help people access needed services. For those individuals without their own transportation or limited funds, a greater variety of locations also increases the opportunity to obtain an ID.

When you have an ID, you may take it for granted. For those without however, it becomes the lifeline they need to succeed. Increasing the locations that can issue identification will help those who need it most. **The YWCA O'ahu respectfully request the committee support House Bill 463.** Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Barbara Polk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of this measure. Mahalo.

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Evern Williams	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. It is outrageous to take away IDs in the first place. You must give people a realistic change of getting a duplicate by providing more places to go. I am currently helping someone to get another idea and it is taking me over one year to do it.

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: STRONGLY SUPPORT!

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LATE

Committee: Committee on Judiciary
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 2:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 325
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in **Support** of H.B. 463, Relating to Hawaii State Identification Cards

Dear Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in support of H.B. 463, which allows certain satellite city hall locations to issue Hawaii state identification cards.

A means of identification plays a huge role for a former inmate’s transition to public life. Having an official government-issued ID increases the likelihood for better job prospects, stable housing, educational opportunities, and other possibilities. Newly hired employees are often required to provide copies of state or federally issued identification. Even when individuals are able to find employment, the lack of identification makes it difficult to cash paychecks or open bank accounts. These barriers increase the likelihood of failure during initial attempts of reentry—which can result in individuals returning to crime as a means of survival. According to a study from the Legal Action Center¹ the first few weeks after discharge are extremely critical to successful reentry and preventing recidivism. Thus, it is imperative to make this transition as smooth as possible by allowing more expedient and convenient opportunities to obtain state identification.

For these reasons, the ACLU of Hawai’i urges the Committee to support H.B. 463.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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

¹ Legal Action Center, *After Prison: Roadblocks to Reentry; A Report On State Legal Barriers Facing People with Criminal Records*, (published 2004) available at http://lac.org/roadblocks-to-reentry/upload/lacreport/LAC_PrintReport.pdf.

Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee

February 7, 2017

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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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