

SB-2861-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2018 11:03:51 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

We SUPPORT this bill. We seek an amendment to the acronym "DPS". DPS is the acronym for the Department of Personnel Services. PSD is the acronym for the Public Safety Department.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ON PRISONS

P.O. Box 37158, Honolulu, HI 96837-0158

Phone/E-Mail: (808) 927-1214 / kat.caphi@gmail.com



COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan DelaCruz, Chair

Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Friday, February 23, 2018

10:00 am

Room 211

SB 2861 SD1 - DPS PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - SUPPORT

Aloha Chair DelaCruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran 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 all the people who have died in our facilities including, JESSICA FORTSON, JOEY O'MALLEY, DAISY KASITATI, ASHLEY GREY. and 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.

SB 2861 SD1 requires DPS to establish performance indicators; requires semi-annual reports of the established performance indicators, criminal offender treatment programs, and programs established pursuant to the Community Safety Act. (SD1)

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this measure. Data collection is vital for analysis as the state currently has two groups working on ways to reform our broken correctional system.

There is an ongoing project to evaluate all DPS programs currently at the University of Hawai'i. This project is in its third year and yet NO DATA HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC to date. It is sad that this publicly-funded information has been hidden from the public. This kind of secrecy is what fuels distrust in government and wastes millions of dollars.

Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said: "A fundamental premise of American democratic theory is that government exists to serve the people. ... Public records are one portal through which the people observe their government, ensuring its accountability, integrity, and equity while minimizing sovereign mischief and malfeasance"

In the interest of democracy, transparency and open government, we urge the committee to pass this important bill. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

"Power corrupts, and there is nothing more corrupting than power exercised in secret."

Daniel Schorr



Committee: Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, February 23, 10 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i in support of S.B. 2861, S.D. 1, Relating to Establishing Key Performance Indicators


Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee members:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i writes in **strong support** of S.B. 2861, S.D. 1, which requires the Department of Public Safety (“**DPS**”) to, among other things, develop performance measures to track progress in improving recidivism rates, decreasing prisoner assaults, reducing staff turnover, and improving efficiencies. We support these measures, because clear performance metrics are important not only to public safety but also to transparency, efficiency, and accountability.

S.B. 2861 also requires that DPS develop key performance indicators, including various data points relating to intakes, offender demographics, length of stay, and pretrial detention. Requiring DPS to provide data on these indicators is important because lack of data is one of the barriers to meaningful and evidence-based criminal and correctional reform in Hawai'i. Significantly, the pretrial detention data to be published under this bill will allow DPS, the Legislature, the Judiciary, and the public to better assess Hawai'i's pretrial detention system. This in turn is critical to the future of jails in Hawai'i, such as the Oahu Community Correctional Center, which currently holds about 576 pretrial detainees, including 88 **pretrial** detainees who have only been accused of a misdemeanor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Mateo Caballero
Legal Director
ACLU of Hawai'i

American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i
P.O. Box 3410
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96801
T: (808) 522-5900
F: (808) 522-5909
E: office@acluhawaii.org
www.acluhawaii.org

February 23, 2018
Page 2 of 2

The mission of the ACLU of Hawai'i is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawai'i fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i has been serving Hawai'i for over 50 years.

American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i
P.O. Box 3410
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96801
T: (808) 522-5900
F: (808) 522-5909
E: office@acluhawaii.org
www.acluhawaii.org

SB-2861-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2018 10:15:41 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I

THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Friday, February 23, 2018

10:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Support of SB2861 SD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Good morning, 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 Senate Bill No. 2861 SD1, relating to inmate rehabilitation; reentry system; and reporting requirements.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2861 SD1 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2861 SD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requires DPS to establish performance indicators, requires semi-annual reports of the established performance indicators, criminal offender treatment programs, and programs established pursuant to the Community Safety Act.

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. We want the practice of private for-profit detention centers and prisons prohibited." (Platform of the DPH, P. 5, Lines 273-278 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2861 SD1 requires DPS to establish performance indicators, requires semi-annual reports of the established performance indicators, criminal offender treatment programs, and programs established pursuant to the Community Safety Act, 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

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

Email: legislativepriorities@gmail.com, Tel.: (808) 258-8889

SB-2861-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 9:58:37 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raquel Curtis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: