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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2861
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.
AND
SENATE BILL 2858
RELATING TO 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, January 30, 2018; 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

Because of the similarities between Senate Bill (SB) 2861 and SB 2858, the Department of Public Safety (PSD) offers the attached amendments to SB 2858, for the Committee's consideration, and suggests that they may be appropriately applied to SB 2861.

The Department already provides much of the information in annual reports to the Legislature and agrees that the addition of performance indicators would be valuable to PSD, Legislators, and the community at large. The Department would be pleased to compile all of the requested reports, including performance indicators, into an annual, comprehensive dashboard. This would provide a more efficient workflow process for PSD staff collecting the data.

SB 2861 requests many of the same reports to be submitted on a quarterly basis, and the Department suggests that the information would be more easily understood and comparatively analyzed on an annual basis, together with

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the other reports. In addition, the consistent, annual reporting would keep PSD staff from being overtaxed and to focus more efforts on program implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



Aloha chair nishihara, vice chair wakai, and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs,

The Young Progressives Demanding Action – Hawai‘i **strongly support** the intent of SB 2861, with recommendations for changes.

As mentioned with SB 2858, the intent of the bill is a great step in the direction of transparency and running an evidence-based correctional system. That being said, ideally, the performance indicators mentioned in the bill would be developed and maintained by knowledgeable third parties, not the Department of Public Safety. This is not to say there aren't knowledgeable people working in DPS, but we believe that the department should not be evaluating its own performance, but should be evaluated based on criteria developed by a third party.

Additionally, the quarterly reports should include more data about pre-trial detainees, as this is a crucial segment of the incarcerated population that should be targeted with smart policy to determine ways to pull them out of our facilities. Besides the constitutional problems with holding pretrial detainees, most of whom are not violent or flight risks, this demographic is likely one of the easiest and fastest groups to extract from incarceration and can, therefore, be most easily reduced from the overall incarcerated population to reduce overcrowding.

Mahalo,

Will Caron
Social Justice Action Committee Chair
Young Progressives Demanding Action – Hawai‘i

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Henry Curtis	Life of the Land	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this impotant bill on metrics.

Mahalo

Henry Curtis

Executive Director

Life of the Land

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Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2861.

Mahalo for hearing it,

e. ileina funakoshi

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