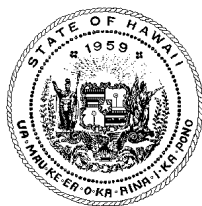


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TESTIMONY ON SB 614 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

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Tuesday, February 7, 2017 - 1:20 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

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

The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) is in support of Senate Bill 614 Relating to Public Safety, deleting the sunset provision for Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, to make permanent provisions of the Act regarding pretrial risk assessments and parole.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 614.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 614
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** the intent of Senate Bill (SB) 614, to delete the sunset provisions of Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, applicable to PSD and the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

The Department also respectfully requests that SB 614 be amended to include funding to conduct the validation study, as required by Act 139.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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STRONG SUPPORT SB 614 - DELETING SUNSET PROVISION OF ACT 139

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 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.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of deleting the sunset provision of Act 139.

Justice reinvestment is a data-driven approach to improve public safety, reduce corrections and related criminal justice spending, and reinvest savings in strategies that can decrease crime and reduce recidivism. It is one strategy that Hawai`i can implement to start reforming our system and using our resources where they will do the most good and the least harm.

The Department of Justice website¹ lists the 27 Justice Reinvestment states since 2010: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, West Virginia. Prior to the launch of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative in 2010, six states undertook justice reinvestment efforts that have enriched and informed the JRI, including Arizona, Connecticut, Nevada, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Hawai`i has a great opportunity with Justice Reinvestment and we thank the committee for hearing SB 614!

Mahalo for giving Community Alliance on Prisons this opportunity to show our strong support for Hawai`i's Justice Reinvestment Initiative law.

¹ JRI SITES, Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. https://www.bja.gov/programs/justicereinvestment/jri_sites.html

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan B Burdick	Progressive Democrats of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: Progressive Democrats of Hawaii (PDH) has been a leader in progressive advocacy in Hawaii since 2004. We focus on issues at both the Hawaii state and national levels. We STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 614 to revive and put meaning back into the concept of Justice Reinvestment. Unfortunately, the Department of Public Safety has been giving the concept far more lip service than real service for a long while. This is a very important bill that would eliminate the sunset provisions of certain sections of the Justice Reinvestment law, Act 139 of 2012. Regrettably, PSD has failed to implement recommendations of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) and instead is labeling many other things JRI, even though they are not. Such as PSD's plans in replacing OCCC, with yet another mega-jail, even though the entire purpose of JRI is to reduce the incarcerated population. The State of Hawaii needs to support reforms that actually will reduce the imprisonment of low-level lawbreakers sentenced for non-serious offenses in our bloated system. For these reasons, PDH strongly supports this bill. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this important measure. Alan B. Burdick, Chair, Progresssive Democrats of Hawaii

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Barbara Polk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. The purpose of the Justice Reinvestment Act of 2012 was to reduce incarceration by introducing risk assessment and modifying the provisions of parole. As we face the enormous costs of replacing a jail, as well as the need to bring prisoners on the mainland back to Hawaii, we are realizing that the state has bought into the mass incarceration attitudes of the mainland over past decades. It is time to reverse this, saving the state money for other needs. Retaining the Justice Reinvestment Act of 2012 and making its provisions permanent is an important step toward reducing incarceration. I strongly urge that the committee pass this bill.

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E. Ileana Funakoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: CONTINUANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL.

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Evern Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Reforms are needed to reduce the prison population, especially for non-serious offenders.

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: STRONGLY SUPPORT!

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Tai-An	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB614 because the use of pre-trial risk assessments is a fiscally responsible and helps to guide decision-making in an objective, efficient, and just manner. Please do not allow this important practice to sunset. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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Teri Heede	Individual	Support	No

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