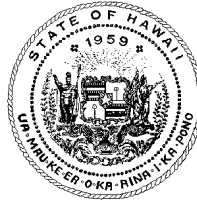


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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1739  
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.**

by  
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House Committee on Finance  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 23, 2022; 2:30 p.m.  
Via Videoconference

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) has reviewed House Bill (HB) 1739, which seeks to clarify and correct language in section 353L-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), relating to parole consideration. PSD supports this measure.

Specifically, the bill would correct an error in Section 1(b) (4) of Act 179, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, which mistakenly states, in part, "...release of inmates on parole when the "maximum" terms have been served...", which should have read, "...release of inmates on parole when the "minimum" terms have been served...".

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1739.

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## **HB 1739 - STRONG SUPPORT for FIXING ERROR IN CORR OVERSIGHT STATUTE**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita 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 more than 4,052 Hawai`i individuals living behind bars or under the “care and custody” of the Department of Public Safety or the corporate vendor on any given day. We are always mindful that 1,111 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 is in strong support of this measure that corrects an error in Section 353L–3, Hawaii Revised Statutes - the statute that established the Hawai`i Correctional Systems Oversight Commission

This bill amends Section 353L–3, Hawaii Revised Statutes by clarifying that the comprehensive offender reentry system must provide programs and services that result in the timely release of inmates on parole when the **MINIMUM term, rather than the maximum term**, has been served by the inmate.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this measure.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify!

**HB-1739**

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Comments:

HB1739 clarifies that the comprehensive offender reentry system provides programs and services that result in the timely release of inmates on parole when the minimum term, rather than the maximum term, has been served by the inmate.

Please correct this mistake in the original bill, passed over two and a half years ago in 2019.