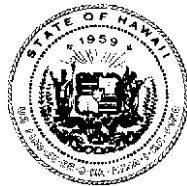


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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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April 1, 2022

TO: Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Committee on Finance  
  
Honorable Representative Kyle T. Yamashita., Vice Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Mark Patterson, Administrator, Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility,  
Kawailoa Youth and Family Wellness Center

SUBJECT: SB 1128, SD2, HD1 RELATING TO OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES

**STRONGLY SUPPORT**

In 2018 ACT 208 amended HRS 352D and allowed the Office of Youth Service to establish the Kawailoa Youth and Family Wellness Center at the site of the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility.

The law further states the Kawailoa youth and family wellness center services and programs may include but shall not be limited to mental health services and programs, substance abuse treatment programs, crisis shelters for homeless youth, crisis shelters for victims of human and sex trafficking, vocational training, group homes, day treatment programs, aftercare, independent and family counseling services, educational services, and other services and programs that may be required to meet the needs of youth or young adults.

By the end of 2018 Kawailoa Youth and Family Wellness Center establish community partnerships that led to the opening of (RYSE) 30 bed Homeless shelter and drop-in center for young adults (18-24 year old), (Hale Kipa) an 8 bed Commercially Sexual Exploited Children assessment center, (Kinai Eha) a day vocational program for 14-24 year old, and a (Partners in Development Foundation) 9 acre farm for Aina based education. Within the past year we expanded the farm another 6 acres, opened an

emergency 5 bed shelter for minors (RYSE), and included a residential 8 bed to our vocational program (Kinai Eha).

SB 1128 will support Kawaioloa youth and Family Wellness Center ability to continue to develop and sustain rehabilitative programs for youth by providing workforce development and readiness training in sustainable farming and agriculture, which gives access to numerous career pathways, including farming and food production, education, and outreach, agritourism, research, horticulture, farmland preservation, food science, advocacy and policy.

Creating commercial enterprising programs will assist in reinvesting profits back into the youth and programs on the Kawaioloa property. Research shows that rewards (vs. punishments) motivate behavior and the desire to change. By providing stipends we can assure buy-in and help youth begin their journey toward financial literacy, work ethic, therapeutic healing, and educational opportunities, in addition to providing youth with transferable real-world workforce skills.

Your consideration is appreciated.



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

‘Ōlelo Hō‘ike ‘Aha Kau Kānāwai

**SB1128 SD1 HD1  
RELATING TO OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES**

Ke Kōmike Hale o ka ‘Oihana ‘Imi Kālā  
House Committee on Finance

‘Apelila 1, 2022                      3:00 p.m.                      Lumi 308 a me Hālāwai Keleka‘a‘ike

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs **SUPPORTS SB1128 SD1 HD1**, which would allow the Office of Youth Services (OYS) to establish self funded commercial enterprise vocational program for at-risk young adults, and establish a revolving fund to collect the proceeds from enterprise activities to self-sustain the program and provide participating ‘ōpio a stable income. **The program and revolving fund would further the continued transformation of the Hawai‘i Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) into the Kawailoa Youth and Family Wellness Center (Kawailoa Center), and would allow OYS to provide and expand rehabilitative job training services to youth and young adults in critical need of support.**

**OHA notes that addressing the needs of youth involved in or at risk of being involved our juvenile and criminal justice systems has been an issue of longstanding concern.** In 2010, OHA produced a comprehensive report detailing the overrepresentation and disparate treatment of Native Hawaiians in the criminal justice system.<sup>1</sup> This report found that Native Hawaiian youth are disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system, and are also most frequently arrested in all offense categories.<sup>2</sup> Since 2012, OHA has also administered the Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force (NHJTF), which addressed the multi-faceted issue of Native Hawaiian involvement in the criminal justice system.<sup>3</sup> In its report, the NHJTF further acknowledged that “an individual’s contact with the criminal justice system, regardless of race, often begins at youth.”<sup>4</sup> And in its 2018 Final Report, the HCR85 Task Force on Prison Reform issued a key recommendation to address and counteract the risk of Native Hawaiians’ early involvement in our justice system, imploring the State to develop “early intervention strategies that are focused on diverting Native Hawaiian youth away from the criminal justice system and toward pathways for success.”<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, THE DISPARATE TREATMENT OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM (2010), [https://www.oha.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/ir\\_final\\_web\\_rev.pdf](https://www.oha.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/ir_final_web_rev.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 68.

<sup>3</sup> OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, NATIVE HAWAIIAN JUSTICE TASK FORCE REPORT (2012), [https://www.oha.org/wp-content/uploads/2012NHJTF\\_REPORT\\_FINAL\\_0.pdf](https://www.oha.org/wp-content/uploads/2012NHJTF_REPORT_FINAL_0.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 21.

<sup>5</sup> HCR85 TASK FORCE ON PRISON REFORM, FINAL REPORT: CREATING BETTER OUTCOMES, SAFER COMMUNITIES xix (2018) available at [https://19of32x2yl33s8o4xza0gf14-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/HCR-85-Task-Force-on-Prison-Reform\\_Final-Report\\_12.28.18.pdf](https://19of32x2yl33s8o4xza0gf14-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/HCR-85-Task-Force-on-Prison-Reform_Final-Report_12.28.18.pdf).

**OHA accordingly appreciates and strongly supports this measure, which would enable the implementation and expansion of programming that can reinforce ongoing efforts to prevent and reduce youth and young adult involvement in our juvenile and criminal justice systems.** OHA in particular appreciates that this measure may substantially further the ongoing efforts of the Kawaiiloa Center, which seek to address the very concerning findings and recommendations made by the various criminal justice task forces OHA has been involved in or supported over the last decade.

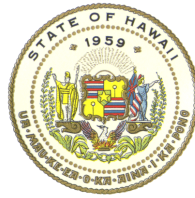
OHA notes that the Kawaiiloa Center has already explored and adopted innovative approaches to serving and rehabilitating at-risk and offending youth that is individual-, family-, and community-focused. These include, for example, services to address the unique challenges faced by youth experiencing homelessness, drug addiction, mental illness, and human trafficking. The Kawaiiloa Center also supports broader efforts to reach beyond the walls of the HYCF, where it is located. The Kawaiiloa Center houses RYSE, a residential and day program that offers homeless, trafficked, and “street entrenched” young adults access to safe temporary shelter and services and programs in furtherance of their short- and long-term needs and goals. The Kawaiiloa Center also houses Kinai ‘Eha, an alternative education program intended to “disrupt the Pathway to Prison” for youth who need an individualized academic approach, and that provides them with a sense of purpose, offers them workforce training, and reinforces Hawaiian cultural connections.

The instant measure would complement the Kawaiiloa Center’s innovative, holistic approaches to addressing the root causes of justice involvement by allowing the commercial enterprise program to support ‘ōpio at the Kawaiiloa Center in new and exciting ways. **Allowing the Office of Youth Services to maintain a special fund will ensure that the Kawaiiloa Center’s commercial enterprise program can continue to provide values- and strengths-based economic opportunities and job training that is critical to the ongoing rehabilitation and long-term success of its participants.** Additionally, by providing a stable income for ‘ōpio at HYCF, as well as for participating young adults who have “aged out” of child protective services, this measure will help support their independence and stability in this most unprecedented time.

**Notably, by helping to stabilize the circumstances of these young adults and prevent their further involvement in the criminal justice system, the commercial enterprise vocational program may in itself save the State significant taxpayer dollars in reduced corrections costs over the long-term;** meanwhile, the self-funding nature of the program could also enable it to become cost-neutral or nearly cost-neutral in the near future, even without considering these long-term savings.

**The commercial enterprise program established in this measure will help to heal our broken youth and promote success among our young adults, in turn resulting in stronger individuals and families, and will likely provide long-term benefits to public safety and the overall well-being of our communities.** In addition, the success of the Kawaiiloa Center, and its programs, may also serve as a model for greater reform within our criminal justice system.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS SB1128 SD1 HD1**. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



STATE OF HAWAII  
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March 31, 2022

TO: The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Committee on Finance  
  
The Honorable Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Leanne Gillespie, Acting Executive Director

SUBJECT: **SB 1128 SD2 HD1 – RELATING TO OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES**  
  
Hearing: Friday, April 1, 2022, 3:00 p.m.  
Via Videoconference, State Capitol

**OFFICE'S POSITION:** Office of Youth Services (OYS) strongly supports our administration measure with changes and respectfully requests the following amendments:

Section 1, Page 2, starting after line 8 subsection (2), to read as follows:

"(3) Shall submit quarterly reports to the office of youth services reporting service or program details, the number of youth young adults served, the results of the service or program, all fiscal transactions and expenses of each service or program, and programmatic and fiscal projections."

This added language provides for accountability of the individual vocational programs.

Section 2, paragraph 2, starting on page 2, line 20, through page 3, line 8, to read as follows:

"Young adult at risk" or "young adult" means any adult between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four who has been arrested, who has had contact with the police, or who is experiencing social, emotional, psychological, educational, or physical problems [~~], and who is no longer eligible for~~

~~child protective services provided by the State due to the  
adult's age.] ."~~

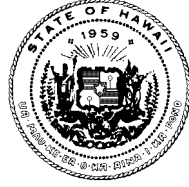
**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the bill is to allow the OYS to engage in commercial enterprises, including the sale of goods and services, for the self-sustainability of young adult only vocational programs. Establishes the OYS revolving fund.

The Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center (KYFWC) within the OYS was established under Act 208, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2018, to transform juvenile justice by providing at risk youth and young adults with a holistic place of healing and as a central service center to meet their needs as they transition into adulthood. KYFWC, through public-private partnerships, has established innovative programs to meet the needs of youth and young adults, including a homeless shelter and drop-in center, a shelter for victims of sexual exploitation, a vocational program and an agricultural cattle and farming initiative.

Preparing our youth and young adults for the workforce through vocational training, individualized mentoring, business management and financial planning programming is a critical component for their success. Allowing the OYS to establish a revolving commercial enterprise fund will provide self-sustainable business model for these vocational program services. Once established, we believe this program will provide direct career pathways and significantly disrupt the pathways to prison, reduce future intergenerational incarceration, and save significant state resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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CATHY BETTS  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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March 31, 2022

TO: The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 1128 SD2-HD1 – RELATING TO OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES.**

Hearing: April 1, 2022, 3:00 p.m.  
Via Videoconference, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this administration measure that continues the reform of the State's juvenile justice system. As a result of additional collaboration during the COVID-19 pandemic, in agreement with the Office of Youth Services, DHS respectfully requests the following **amendments** to Section 2, paragraph 2, starting on page 2, line 20, through page 3, line 8, to read as follows:

"Young adult at risk" or "young adult" means any adult between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four who has been arrested, who has had contact with the police, **or** who is experiencing social, emotional, psychological, educational, or physical problems [~~and who is no longer eligible for child protective services provided by the State due to the adult's age.~~]."

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this measure is to permit individual vocational programs within the purview of the Office of Youth Services to engage in commercial enterprises, including the sale of goods and services, for self-sustainability purposes, for young adults only. Establishes the Office of Youth Services revolving fund. Requires the Office of Youth Services to



submit annual reports to the Legislature on the fiscal transactions and expenses of each service or program. Requires the Director of Human Services to conduct an audit of the office of youth services if the annual fiscal transactions and expenses reports are not submitted in a timely manner. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)

The SD1 defected the effective date and made technical amendments. The SD2 made additional technical amendments. The HD1 further amended the measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Office of Youth Services to provide annual reports to the Legislature on the fiscal transactions and expenses of each service or program;
- (2) Requiring the Director of Human Services to conduct an immediate audit of the Office of Youth Services if the annual reports on the fiscal transactions and expenses of each service or program are not submitted in a timely manner;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Act 201, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2014, initiated juvenile justice reform in Hawaii to improve and enhance Hawaii's juvenile justice system. By working collaboratively cross-sector, OYS and HYCF have reduced the admissions at HYCF by as much as twenty-six percent since Act 201 became law.

Act 208, SLH 2018, established the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility campus to provide much-needed services for at-risk youth and young adults, including victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).

Innovative programs have commenced at the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center. This proposal will provide skills building, vocational training, and economic programming to prepare young adults for entry into the workforce. Notably, the youth and young adults will contribute to Hawaii's agricultural workforce needed to maintain and increase local food production. Lastly, as the cost of food and other consumer goods has rapidly increased in Hawaii since the pandemic, the ability and opportunity to raise additional revenue to sustain the farming program is important.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.



# HALE KIPA

March 28, 2022

Committee on Finance  
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

## RE: SB 1128 RELATING TO OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES ----IN SUPPORT

Dear Representatives and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide brief testimony in support of SB1128. This bill is an earnest and thoughtful attempt to build on the Legislature's Act 201 which implored the community to improve outcomes for Hawaii's youth in the juvenile justice system and expand community resources.

The programs that comprise the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center (KYFWC) strive for many beneficial outcomes that include: maximizing the use of a beautiful and underutilized property (grounds of the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF), offering a wide range of programming that service providers seek to better respond to the youth and their families, and preventing youth from further juvenile justice involvement and potential incarceration at HYCF.

With support from KYFWC, Hale Kipa provides housing and support services to victims/survivors of sex trafficking on its site. Housing is always in need and this housing (residential vocational program for those young adults (18-24) aging out of the Judicial and foster care systems), coupled with a vocational program is very promising and allows the young person to have a safe place and learn skills that will make a difference in their employability and long-term goal of self-sufficiency. The ability for OYS to create commercial enterprises will allow Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center to sell its beef and produce on the open market and will provide a foundation for a program that is based on social entrepreneurship, that teaches life skills, further educational goals, vocational skill and building relationships. This program is being developed to be self-supporting and managed by the young adults at all levels.

This is a very progressive and exciting endeavor as it continues to strengthen the vision of the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center and truly make a difference to some of the most vulnerable young adults.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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**OPPORTUNITY  
YOUTH  
ACTION HUI**

1 April 2022

House Committee on Finance

Hearing Time: 3:00 pm

Location: State Capitol/Virtual

Re: SB 1128, SD2, HD1, Relating to Office of Youth Services

Aloha Representative Luke, and members of the Committee:

We are writing in **strong support** of SB 1128, SD2, HD1, relating to the Office of Youth Services. This bill would establish the office of youth services revolving fund to permit individual vocational programs to engage in commercial enterprises for self-sustainability purposes for young adults.

Legislation was enacted in 2014 to reform and improve the state's juvenile justice system. Since then, there has been a significant reduction in admissions to the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility. The Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center was established in 2018 to provide services for at-risk youth and young adults, including skills building, vocational training, and economic programming. The additional source of revenue proposed by this measure will support the Office of Youth Services' ongoing efforts to promote self-sustainability in at-risk youth and young adults. We support and see the potential in the innovative programs of the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center.

The Opportunity Youth Action Hui is a collaboration of organizations and individuals committed to reducing the harmful effects of a punitive incarceration system for youth; promoting equity in the justice system; and improving and increasing resources to address adolescent and young adult mental health needs.

We seek to improve the continuity of programs and services for youth and young adults transitioning from minor to adult status; eliminate youth houselessness and housing market discrimination against young adults; and promote and fund more holistic and culturally-informed approaches among public/private agencies serving youth.

**Please support SB 1128, SD2, HD1.**

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## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Kyle Yamashita, Vice Chair

Friday, April 1, 2022

3:00 PM

### **STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB 1128 SD2 - BUILDING YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chairs 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 3,993 Hawai`i individuals living behind bars<sup>1</sup> 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 1,110 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 helps our youth find direction and purpose in life. This bill is about lifting up and respecting all of Hawai`i’s youth and tapping into that CAN DO attitude. Over 15,000 young adults ages eighteen through twenty-four in Hawai`i are unemployed and are not in school. This is a clear sign that we need to pay attention.

We want our youth to reach their highest and best potential. SB 1128 SD2 allows the Office of Youth Services (OYS) to maintain a special fund to ensure that the Kawaihoa Center’s commercial enterprise program can continue to provide values- and strengths-based economic opportunities and job training. Helping our youth heal in a supportive environment is crucial. This is for all Hawai`i youth, those who are between 18 and 24 years of age and struggling, those who have been justice-involved, and those needing assistance. Helping our youth heal in a supportive environment is crucial to their future because it allows them to dream of possibilities for their futures.

This program supports the Connect 2 Careers partnership, which was formed to build, measure, and scale high-quality work-based learning experiences that align with local, county, and state economic and labor market needs. Programs like this open our

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Public Safety, Weekly Population Report, March 14, 2022.

<https://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Pop-Reports-Weekly-2022-03-14.pdf>

youth to a world of opportunities that are critical to the long-term success of our next generation of leaders and to all of Hawai`i nei.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports programs that help our youth develop their full potential and we urge the committee to pass this bill with an effective date allowing the Office of Youth Services to maintain this special fund that will ensure that the Kawaihoa Center's commercial enterprise program can continue to provide values- and strengths-based economic opportunities and job training to the youth of Hawai`i.

Passing this bill is an example of good, forward-thinking public policy and Community Alliance on Prisons is grateful for the opportunity to support it. We respectfully ask the committee to support it as well!

*That's where the future lies, in the youth of today.*

*Willie Stargell*



COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

**SB2621 SD1**  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Friday, April 1, 2022, 3:00 PM  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

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

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports SB1128** to permit individual vocational programs within the purview of the Office of Youth Services to engage in commercial enterprise, including the sale of goods and services, for self-sustainability purposes.

We support work-based learning to engage young adults in real-world agricultural production so that participants gain an understanding and respect for the work. Vocational programs in the realm of food production will help individual participants, as well as encourage more appreciation for the work that goes into agriculture. Incorporating agriculture and commercial enterprise into young adult rehabilitation is a novel way to contribute to individual growth as well as community improvement.

Nicole Galase  
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council  
Managing Director





Hawai'i

Committee: House Committee on Finance  
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, April 1, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 308 and Via Videoconference

***Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i in Support of SB 1128, SD2, HD1:  
Relating to Office of Youth Services***

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i ("ACLU of Hawai'i") supports **SB 1128, SD2, HD1 Relating to Office of Youth Services**. This measure would authorize individual vocational programs within the purview of the Office of Youth Services to engage in commercial enterprises, including the sale of goods and services, for self-sustainability purposes, for young adults only and establish a revolving fund.

This measure is critically important because it would build upon a continuum of policy strategies to reform the State's juvenile justice system, and the continued transformation of the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) into the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center (Kawaihoa Center).

Our youth in our juvenile system need trauma-informed care, education, training and vocational opportunities to transform their lives, and reduce recidivism.

In 2010, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) produced a comprehensive report detailing the overrepresentation and disparate treatment of Native Hawaiians in the criminal justice system. This report found that Native Hawaiian youth are disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system, and are also most frequently arrested in all offense categories.

As noted by OHA's prior testimony on this bill:

"The instant measure would complement the Kawaihoa Center's innovative, holistic approaches to addressing the root causes of justice involvement by allowing the commercial enterprise program to support 'ōpio at the Kawaihoa Center. Allowing the Office of Youth Services to maintain a special fund will ensure that the Kawaihoa Center's commercial enterprise program can continue to provide values- and strengths-based economic opportunities and job training that is critical to the ongoing rehabilitation and long-term success of its participants. Additionally, by providing a stable income for 'ōpio at HYCF, as well as for participating young adults who have "aged out" of child protective services, this measure will help support their independence and stability in this most unprecedented time."

Chair Luke and Members of the Finance Committee  
April 1, 2022

Over the long-term, this bill is projected to save taxpayer dollars in reduced recidivism rates and associated corrections costs. **It will also build upon on the strength of our juvenile justice system as a positive model of decarceration that focuses on trauma-informed care, healing and wellness, self-sufficiency and economic justice in partnership with ‘ohana and community. In turn, this will enhance community health and safety in Hawai‘i and be a model for systems change of our adult correctional system.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of **SB 1128 SD2 HD1.**

Sincerely,

*Carrie Ann Shirota*

Policy Director  
ACLU of Hawai‘i

*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.*

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**SB-1128-HD-1**

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Comments:

I support this Bill.

Theresa Thompson