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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 222  
AND SENATE RESOLUTION 215  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE OFFICE OF  
YOUTH SERVICES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO  
CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND HOW TO CREATE AN EFFICIENT  
FUNDING MECHANISM TO ALLOW THE OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES TO  
GENERATE INCOME TO SUPPORT ITS VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

by  
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

April 5, 2022; 10:40 a.m.  
Conference Room 211 and Via Videoconference

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 222 requests that the Department of Public Safety (PSD), the Office of Youth Services (OYS), and the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) convene a task force to recommend how to create an effective funding mechanism to allow OYS to generate income to support its vocational programs.

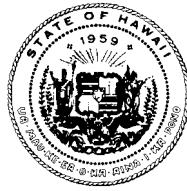
PSD respectfully offers comments regarding this measure. Under Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 354D, PSD has established the Hawaii Correctional Industries, which allows for expanded industries programs to generate revenue to sustain its operations and allow for capital investment. HRS 354D-10, also allowed

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HCI to create a revolving fund, which allows for all funds collected from sales or disposition of goods and services produced by HCI to be deposited into this account to support, sustain, and enhance HCI's operations.

Should this measure be passed, PSD would participate in the Task Force, in collaboration with OYS and B&F, to help address OYS's funding issues with its vocational training program, sharing information about the Department's experience with HCI and how it may be applied to the OYS program.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
**OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES**  
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April 4, 2022

TO: The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Leanne Gillespie, Acting Executive Director

**SUBJECT: SCR 222 / SR 215, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND HOW TO CREATE AN EFFICIENT FUNDING MECHANISM TO ALLOW THE OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES TO GENERATE INCOME TO SUPPORT ITS VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS.**

Hearing: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 10:40 a.m.  
State Capitol Room 211 & Videoconference

**OFFICE'S POSITION:** The Office of Youth Services (OYS) supports the intent of this measure to work with the Department of Public Safety and Department of Budget and Finance. The Office of Youth Services is always willing to work with its partner agencies to improve services to our youth and communities.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the measure is to convene a task force of the Department of Public Safety, Department of Budget and Finance and the Office of Youth Services in order to determine an effective mechanism for the Office of Youth Services to generate income to support its vocational programs for youth.

The mission of the Office of Youth Services (OYS) is to prevent delinquency, reduce recidivism and for youth to thrive within their communities. The Office of Youth Services' Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) and Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center (KYFWC) serves our community's most vulnerable youth - providing correctional rehabilitation,

emergency shelter, counseling, education, and vocational programming. Most of the youth serviced have experienced poverty, homelessness, drug addition, victimization, and trauma. The Campus provides as a place of healing and opportunities for youth so that they can develop physically, psychologically, and spiritually and lead healthy productive lives.

OYS seeks to engage in economic enterprise, selling high-quality, locally, and sustainable produce and beef, and to reinvest its profits back into the youth programs – creating a sustainable business model. In doing so, youth will learn business management, gain practical and marketable job skills, while earning a livable wage, professional mentorship, and supportive services. The outcomes include youth who contribute to the positive well-being of themselves, their families, and our communities, develops critical protective factors that will reduce recidivism and prevent them from entering into the adult criminal justice system, and provides for a long-term cost savings to the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

**OPPORTUNITY  
YOUTH  
ACTION HUI**

5 April 2022

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Hearing Time: 10:40 a.m.

Location: Virtual

Re: SCR 222 (AND SR 215) REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND HOW TO CREATE AN EFFICIENT FUNDING MECHANISM TO ALLOW THE OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES TO GENERATE INCOME TO SUPPORT ITS VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee,

We are writing to comment on SCR 222 and SR 215. The Opportunity Youth Action Hui is in support of SB 1128 which permits 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. SB 1128 would establish the office of youth services revolving fund. We are hopeful that SB 1128 will be advanced this session and if it is not that SCR 222 and SR 215 pass.

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.

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**SCR-222**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Golojuch Jr	Testifying for Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (formerly the LGBT Caucus) fully supports SCR 222.

We hope you all will support this important resolution.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.  
Chair and SCC Representative  
Stonewall Caucus for the DPH