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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 Human Services  
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

March 22, 2022; 3:25 p.m.  
Conference Room 225 and Via Videoconference

Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Ihara, 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.

**OPPORTUNITY  
YOUTH  
ACTION HUI**

22 March 2022

Senate Committee on Human Services

Hearing Time: 3:25 p.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 San Buenaventura, Vice-Chair Ihara, 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 passes.

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.