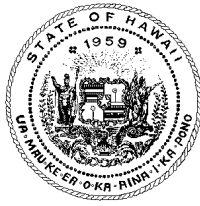


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE RESOLUTION 141
REQUESTING THAT THE PROVISION OF GOODS TO STATE AGENCIES FROM
THE CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES PROGRAM BE LIMITED TO THOSE GOODS
PRODUCED OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED BY THE PROGRAM.

By
Tommy Johnson, Director

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
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Senate Committee on Government Operations
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
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Friday, March 31, 2023; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Via Video Conference

Chairs Wakai and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Elefante and Gabbard, and Members of the
Committees:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) opposes Senate Resolution (SR) 141,
which requests PSD and the State Procurement Office (SPO) to agree that the
provision of goods to state agencies from the Correctional Industries Program be limited
to those goods that are: 1) Produced or manufactured by the program; or 2) Pre-
existing goods that are substantially altered or customized by the program for the
purpose of facilitating use of the goods by a state agency when PSD is renamed the
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation pursuant to Act 287, Session Laws of
Hawaii 2022.

Hawaii Correctional Industries (HCI) has a two-fold mission to provide a
maximum level of vocational rehabilitation and reentry programming to Hawaii's

offenders while remaining self-sufficient. As written, SR 141 may severely impact HCI's two-fold mission by substantially reducing its current offender workforce.

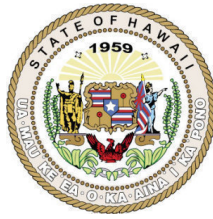
HCI's core function is to support the reduction of recidivism by redirecting inmates to make better choices, which leads to better outcomes. Our focus is to develop positive work ethics and job skills which helps men and women transition to realizing their potential as productive contributing citizens by learning how to follow directions, decision-making, social interaction, teamwork, reliability, and accountability, etc.

Since the mid-1990's, HCI's manufacturing plants provided vocational rehabilitation programs to over 300-400 offenders daily and served thousands of participants annually; the average time an offender participated in HCI's program was 5 to 7 years. Like other state and federal correctional industries programs, HCI offered "traditional" programs such as printing, sewing, furniture-making, woodworking, farming, and animal husbandry, where it produced, manufactured, or substantially altered or customized goods. For example, in the sewing manufacturing plant, offenders produced officer uniform shirts using a 40+ step process from warehousing and inventorying of fabric, laying out patterns on fabric, cutting, sewing, and packaging for delivery, employing more than 60 offenders with various skill levels ranging from beginner to expert sewing experience.

As written, SR 141 proposes to place unreasonable limitations on HCI to provide goods to state agencies that are produced or manufactured, or pre-existing goods that are substantially altered or customized without providing any basis and/or factual reasons for doing so. It is for these reasons that PSD opposes SR 141, and respectfully requests this measure be deferred.

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony in opposition to SR 141.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 158
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
ON HOW TO IMPROVE SECURITY AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

Before the Senate Committees on
Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
and
Government Operations
Friday, March 31, 2023; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 225, via Videoconference

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chairs Wakai and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Elefante and Gabbard, and members of the Committees:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports SCR 158.

This measure requests that the Department of Public Safety, Sheriff Division convene a working group to make recommendations on how to improve security at the State Capitol while also maintaining a sense of openness to the public to encourage civic engagement.

We want to assure the committee members that the DLE and the Sheriff's Division, which will be transferred to the DLE effective January 1, 2024, have already met with and started working with legislative leaders and the Comptroller to conduct risk and security assessments, identify potential threats, and develop security improvement

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recommendations for the Capitol and other state facilities. We recognize that significant improvements are necessary to address security concerns at the Capitol with the parking lot and associated vehicle access, building grounds and entry points, appropriate barriers at various locations, vehicular and pedestrian checkpoints, and screening areas for vehicles and visitors.

The proposed working group will be needed for the DLE and the Sheriff's Division to successfully secure the Capitol and protect those who work in or visit this facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit support and submit comments on this measure.

SCR-158

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 8:48:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/31/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

These people Can not be Trusted!!!

SCR-158

Submitted on: 3/31/2023 7:27:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/31/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I provide comments

I support safe places. I hope that legislators make our schools as safe, or safer than the Capitol with the same security equipment and sheriff's patrolling each school.as is done at the capitol.

Secondly, employees should have the option of carrying a gun for protection or having a storage area for that gun. The capitol is in a high crime area and employees need that safety while going to and leaving work.

Mahalo

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