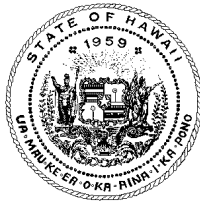


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE RESOLUTION 141
REQUESTING THAT THE PROVISION OF GOODS TO STATE AGENCIES FROM
THE CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES PROGRAM BE LIMITED TO THOSE GOODS
PRODUCED OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED BY THE PROGRAM.

By
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Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
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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 Hawai'i 2022.

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

SR-141

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