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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2307
RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION
by
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Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Friday, January 26, 2024; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and via Video Conference

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

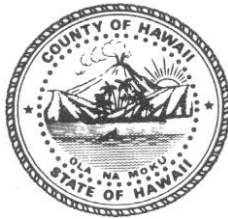
The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) supports Senate Bill (SB) 2307, which requires the DCR to initiate the process of obtaining identifying documents for inmates released to work furlough, extended furlough, or community placement programs, by providing the forms necessary and as soon as practicable.

DCR readily acknowledges that individuals transitioning from incarceration face additional barriers that compound their attempts to secure documents of identification. DCR is willing to work with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Statewide County's various Driver Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permit offices (DMLVP), on the initiative proposed in SB 2307.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2307.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT TO SENATE BILL NO. 2307

**A BILL FOR AN ACT
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Honorable Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs. The County of Hawai'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney submits the following testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 2307.

This bill was drafted with the intention to allow the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) in collaboration with various agencies to assist inmates in obtaining civil identification cards, birth certificates, social security cards, and other relevant identification necessary for reintegration into the workforce, access social services, verify applicable medicaid eligibility, and secure housing.

We recognize that individuals transitioning from incarceration encounter obstacles while trying to obtain necessary identification documents. Inability to obtain identification documents is often times referenced as a contributing factor to recidivism. This measure encourages the positive reintegration of justice-involved individuals by helping them access these needed services at the most crucial time, prior to release from incarceration and reentry into our community.

For the foregoing reasons, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i, supports Senate Bill No. 2307. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

SB-2307

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Comments:

I support this bill. Interesting that this is not automatically done via administrative policy.