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MARK PATTERSON
McKENNA WOODWARD



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HAWAI'I STATE LEGISLATURE
RESTRICTIVE HOUSING LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP

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Meeting Minutes

The Restrictive Housing Legislative Working Group meeting is offered as a hybrid meeting where group members and the public can participate in person, or via teleconference. Details are noted below.

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Conference Room 325, State Capitol
415 Street Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Recording: [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSnWMget03Q)
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Items to be Discussed:

I. (00:17:11) Welcome & Introductions

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Representative Della Au Belatti at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. The meeting was conducted in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.

II. (00:17:35) Roll Call

- Co-Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga
- Co-Chair Representative Della Au Belatti

- Member Sergio Alcubilla
- Member Kat Brady
- Member Dr. Michael Champion (Absent)
- Member Representative Kim Coco Iwamoto (Absent)
- Member Tommy Johnson (Absent; Represented by Michael Hoffman)
- Member Dr. Kevan Kamisato
- Member Mark Patterson
- Member Tuli Tafai
- Member McKenna Woodward
- Member Senator Karl Rhoads (Absent)
- Member Representative Garner Shimizu
- Member Mark Linscott (Absent)

Quorum was established with nine of thirteen members present.

III. (00:19:06) Minutes from December 16th, 2025 Meeting

A. Oral Testimony: None.

B. Written Testimony: No previously submitted written testimony was received.

C. Working Group Discussion: The 12/16/2025 minutes are currently being worked on by Chair Belatti's staff for the next Restrictive Housing Working Group meeting on January 27, 2026.

IV. (00:19:35) Overview & Discussion: Department of Correction and Rehabilitation's Budget Requests

A. Working Group Discussion: Ms. Gladwell of Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (DCR) presented on DCR's budget requests. In her presentation she discussed plans to address both population and serious mental conditions within DCR's facilities through increased spending on facilities and staff positions as well as increased training for staff to align with the Opulent Report and the settlement tracker connected to the report. Co-Chair Belatti made connections between the DCR's budget requests, the Opulent Report, and its settlement tracker focusing on plans to address the population with serious mental conditions. Member Patterson inquired about the mental health screening process in neighboring island jails and how changing job descriptions may help improve screening process. Member Woodward asked about the conditions of suicide safety cells and if their reported use qualifies as "restrictive housing". She also inquired as to whether current budget requests are included to increase the number of suicide safety cells. Member Alcubilla asked for clarity surrounding the use of specific health personnel conducting inmates' initial intake health assessments and mental health screenings. Representative Shimizu asked for clarification of where suicides are occurring within the DCR system. He further inquired about what type of training and resources are needed by DCR to comply with Opulent settlement tracker. Co-Chair Belatti sought clarification surrounding the use of restrictive housing for those with mental health conditions.

B. Oral Testimony: None.

C. Written Testimony: Member Woodward's statement on behalf of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs was submitted at the December 16, 2025, meeting and passed out to the Working Group.

V. (01:39:36) Discussion about 2026 Working Group's 2026 Plan (incl. Proposed Legislation)

- A. Oral Testimony:** None.
- B. Written Testimony:** No previously submitted written testimony was received.
- C. Working Group Discussion:** Co-Chairs Fukunaga and Belatti discussed DRC needs and how the Restrictive Housing Group may support DRC.

VI. (01:46:33) Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bursack, Committee Clerk to Representative Della Au Belatti
Hawaii State Legislature