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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1039, SENATE DRAFT 2 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY By Nolan P. Espinda, Director Department of Public Safety

House Committee Public Safety Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair Representative Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 16, 2017; 10:00 a.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 312

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 1039, Senate Draft (SD) 2 and respectfully offers the following recommendations for further amendments.

On page 2, line 18, inserting the following underscored language: "before the inmate's <u>release on parole</u> or upon expiration of the inmate's sentence...";

Additionally, the Department again suggests that the State Department of Health (birth certificate) and County (State ID and Hawaii Driver's License) entities be required to bring the services statutorily mandated in this measure to the applicable correctional facility.

Finally, PSD respectfully requests that this measure be amended to appropriate a total of \$20,000 (\$2,500 per facility) for implementation costs associated with this worthwhile service to the inmate population throughout the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



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To: Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair Representative Matt LoPresti, Vice Chair Members of the House Committee on Public Safety

From: Cathy Betts

Executive Director, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support, SB 1039, SD2, Relating to Public Safety

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 1039, SD2, which would require the Department of Public Safety to assist in obtaining social security cards and birth certificates for inmates.

Inmates and those transitioning out of incarceration require identification for basic life activities, including: obtaining employment, cashing a check, and obtaining housing. Unfortunately, inmates' belongings, including state identification, drivers licenses, social security cards, etc. are routinely thrown away and destroyed during incarceration. After 30 days of incarceration, it remains the routine for DPS to destroy all personal belongings except the clothing a person may have been arrested in. This poses a significant barrier to those transitioning out of incarceration, who need to find housing, obtain treatment, obtain employment, and otherwise begin their life anew. The process to obtain a birth certificate or state identification is lengthy and can often take months. The process is expensive and cost prohibitive to some individuals. Meanwhile, turning to illegal means to perform basic life activities (i.e. driving without a license to get to court and treatment, using a fictitious social security number to obtain employment, etc.) may be the only option for some people.

SB 1039, SD2, would require a simple remedy to this problem. This bill would allow inmates and those transitioning out of incarceration to obtain state identification and birth certificates, by requiring the DPS to work with relevant institutions tasked with providing these forms of identification. The Commission supports SB 1039, SD2. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support.



SB1039 SD2 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY House Committee on Public Safety

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) <u>SUPPORTS</u> SB1039 SD2, which would provide critical support for pa'ahao seeking to reintegrate into society upon their release.

The Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force (NHJTF), in preparing its 2012 report, interviewed many pa'ahao detained at Hālawa Correctional Facility. During these interviews, pa'ahao revealed that they did not know where their official state-issued identification could be found.¹ Notably, state-issued identification, and the vital documents needed to obtain such identification, may be necessary for pa'ahao to apply for employment, find housing, comply with conditions of parole, and apply for other services for themselves and their families – important steps toward successful reintegration into the community upon release.

In its 2012 report, the NHJTF made several recommendations on how best to support incarcerated and reentering pa'ahao in their rehabilitation and stable reintegration into society. These included a recommendation that "[t]he Department of Public Safety should ensure that prior to work furlough and/or release, all inmates obtain official state identification and if needed, a social security card."² Accordingly, OHA supports this measure as a critical means to facilitate the successful reintegration of pa'ahao.

Therefore, OHA respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** SB1039 SD2. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

¹ See THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, NATIVE HAWAIIAN JUSTICE TASK FORCE REPORT 23 n. 28 (2012), available at http://www.oha.org/wp-content/uploads/2012NHJTF_REPORT_FINAL_0.pdf.

² *Id.* at 29.

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Testimony of the County of Hawaii Director of Finance

S.B. 1039 S.D.2 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee of Public Safety

The Director of Finance, County of Hawaii provides the following comment on S.B. 1039 S.D. 2, as it pertains to public safety. This Bill requires the Public Safety Department, Department of Health, Department of Transportation and the examiner of drivers of each county, to provide eligible Hawaii-born inmates with copies of birth certificates and driver's licenses or civil identification cards free of charge.

The County of Hawaii has the following concerns:

- We require all source documents, including principal residence address to issue a REAL ID compliant credential. Federal regulations requires source documents to establish the following:
 - 1) Identity
 - 2) Date of Birth
 - 3) Social Security Number
 - 4) Evidence of Lawful Status
 - 5) Documents demonstrating address of principal residence

The birth certificate and social security card satisfies items 1 - 4. The final requirement will need to be satisfied in order to issue a REAL ID compliant credential.

- We do not have any data on the estimated number of eligible Hawaii-born inmates that need a driver's license while released to work furloughs, extended furloughs or community placement programs and its potential impact on our driver license program. To properly assess potential impacts on this, the County of Hawaii would need to have that data to conduct an analysis.
- Temporary credentials are normally issued for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days.
- Logistics regarding issuing credentials for incarcerated inmates need to be established.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Collins Tomei Director of Finance <u>Collins.tomei@hawaiicounty.gov</u> (808) 961-8971 County of Hawai'i

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TESTIMONY OF PRESTON KO, ASSISTANT LICENSING ADMINISTRATOR CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES Thursday, March 16, 2017, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 312

SENATE Bill 1039 SD2, "RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY" Position: Comments

TO: The Honorable Greg Takayama, Chair and Members of the Committee on Public Safety

The City and County of Honolulu has no objections to the intent of S.B. No. 1039 SD2 which will allow the examiner of drivers of each county to waive the fees to qualified Hawaii born inmates applying for a civil identification card or the replacement of an unexpired driver license.

However there are a few concerns that the bill needs to address in order to ensure that the State of Hawaii remains in compliance with Federal REAL ID rules:

- The application for a civil identification card or temporary driver license must be accompanied by the required documentation to prove legal presence (e.g., birth certificate), social security number, and Hawaii principal residence address; and
- A temporary driver license should be issued instead of a temporary <u>permit</u> as long as it is issued within 1 year instead of within six months of the driver license expiration date as stated in the bill, and should be issued for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days instead of at least six months. We recommend the following amendment to the bill to revise the wording in the second sentence of Subsection (d) to read:

"If the replacement civil identification card or replacement driver's license issued is within six months one (1) year of expiration, the examiner of drivers of the respective county of issue may also issue a temporary permit driver license or civil identification card, valid for at least six months a period not to exceed 60 days after the inmate's release date, to assist the inmate in the inmate's transition."

In addition, we recommend that bill's provision in Subsection (d) for a "free of charge by waiving all fees" driver license or civil identification card be amended to provide for a <u>one-time waiver of the fees</u>. This is intended to encourage responsible behavior in protecting and securing the issued driver license or civil identification card and discourage redundant applications from being submitted.

We have concerns on the loss of revenue and operational impact to our agency but cannot address this until the Department of Public Safety can provide a count of the projected number of inmates that would be qualify under this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 1039 SD2.

Sincerely,

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Preston P. H. K. Ko Assistant Licensing Administrator

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Rep. Gregg Takayama, Chair Rep. Matt LoPresti, Vice Chair Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:00 am Room 312

STRONG SUPPORT - SB 1039 - IDENTIFICATION

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies in Hawai`i for two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the almost 6,000 Hawai`i individuals living behind bars or under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety. We are always mindful that approximately 1,700 of Hawai`i's imprisoned people are serving their sentences abroad thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this important bill. Currently, Hawai`i is the only state that does not have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Social Security Administration. Social Security cards are foundational to proper identification.

The lack of identification has been a huge barrier for our people transitioning from incarceration back to their communities. Hawai`i has been releasing people with no identification, no money, and virtually no hope since identification is required in order to

- Find housing
- Employment
- Open a bank account
- Cash a check
- Register to vote
- Get a library card

Without proper identification, the barriers to reentry are HUGE. In a House hearing on a similar bill, formerly incarcerated women testified that it has taken months and even a full year for these documents to be secured. This sets back their reintegration and causes unnecessary hardship for a person working hard to get his/her life started after incarceration.

Although the department asserts that they do not throw out these documents, we know to be untrue. For example, if a person is sent to work furlough and is given his documentation and then subsequently violates the conditions of work furlough and is sent back to Halawa, his family has 30 days to pick up his documents. If they don't, the documentation is thrown away...this includes wallets, identification cards, birth certificates, etc. Why? This should be a felony and the department must be held accountable.

The Department of Justice acknowledged identification as an important reentry practice and recommended the Federal Bureau of Prisons reduce barriers that interfere with a person's ability to secure valid government-issued identification upon release.

The lack of proper identification can lead people to illegal activities because they cannot secure employment and can lead to houselessness since identification is required to secure safe housing.

In short, the community pays dearly when we release people without proper identification. This only leads to recidivism and another drain on our already over-taxed residents.

The legislature, Community Alliance on Prisons, and our community was promised in 2008 by a prior administration that the department would ensure that all released inmates would receive proper identification before release. This never happened.

We also support helping those not born in Hawai`i to obtain their birth certificates.

We support requiring the department of public safety to report on the number of inmates released without social security cards, identification or driver's licenses, and birth certificates and asking the department to identify the impediments to implementation and provide recommendations to improve the process.

We urge the committees to pass this important bill.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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To: Hawaii State House Committee on Public Safety Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 16, 2017, 10AM Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 312

Position Statement Supporting Senate Bill 1039 SD2

Thank you Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti, and committee members,

On behalf of YWCA O'ahu we thank you for the opportunity to share our testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 1039.

The YWCA O'ahu supports the intent of Senate Bill 1039, which would require the Department of Public Safety to assist inmates with obtaining identification. Identification is an important piece for people leaving prison and transitioning into the community. The YWCA manages the state's only community based women's work furlough program and we have witnessed the negative impact lack of identification can have. Without an ID, a person cannot accept employment or secure housing-two vital pieces for successful reentry. Requiring inmates have identification prior to their release is a commonsense policy that benefits the individual, community, and state.

The Department of Justice and former Attorney General Loretta Lynch acknowledged identification as necessary for successful reentry. Across the country, several states have passed similar legislation addressing identification and reentry. In Hawaii, many working within the criminal justice system have noted how lacking an ID is problematic. Senate bill 1039 is an opportunity to solve this problem. Passing this bill would make jobs, housing, bank accounts, cashing a check, and the library accessible for a large group of people. A person could begin their road to self-sufficiency on day one of their release, not weeks or months later when they finally receive their ID.

Issuing identification prior to transition into the community is a successful reentry strategy. This bill supports people who are ready to start the next chapter of their lives by removing a small, but significant, barrier. For these reasons, the YWCA O'ahu respectfully requests that this committee report the bill with amendment favorably on Senate bill 1039. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration on this matter.

Kathleen Algire Advocacy Coordinator

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Rep. Gregg Takayama, Chair Rep. Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice Chair

DATE:	Thursday, March 16, 2017
TIME:	10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Conference Room 312

Subject: Strong support (with an amendment) for SB 1039

Good morning Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti, and members of the Committee.

My name is Lorraine Robinson. I am a consultant for the YWCA of Oahu work furlough program for women exiting prison. For over 20 years, I served as Executive Director of TJ Mahoney & Associates (previous contractor for the women's work furlough contract). Having worked with women exiting prison for over two decades, I am certain this bill will help enhance the odds for successful reentry. Therefore, I strongly urge you to support **SB 1039**.

I also request that the Bill be amended to include a provision for those exiting prison **prior to the completion of their sentence**; this would include those released to **work furlough, extended furlough, or community placement.** The bill should include language which would require the State to assist those released to work furlough, extended furlough, or community placement with obtaining identification. This process should **be initiated 90 days prior to them being released on those statuses**. As the bill is currently written, only those exiting prison **upon completion of their full prison sentence** will benefit from this bill.

Even with proper ID, reentry from prison to the community is a daunting endeavor. Presently the majority of women in our program arrive without proper ID and can spend an inordinate amount of time obtaining identification. If ID was procured prior to their arrival at the program, it would expedite their being able successfully navigate the myriad tasks of reestablishing themselves as productive and contributing community members, most especially including securing employment.

Issuing identification prior to transition into the community is a successful reentry strategy. This bill (with the proposed amendment) supports people in reclaiming their lives and contributing to the community in meaningful ways. Successful community reentry for offenders means safer communities for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify; please support this most important piece of legislation with the above referenced amendment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We continue to STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan B Burdick	Progressive Democrats of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: Progressive Democrats of Hawaii is in STRONG SUPPORT of this bill. It is essential to help inmates reintegrate into society, and the requirements of this bill will assist them in getting documentation that is key to such reintegration. Please approve this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair Representative Matt LoPresti, Vice Chair

DATE:Thursday, March 16, 2017TIME:10:00 AMPLACE:Conference Room 312

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Strong support for SB 1039, SD2- Relating to public safety

We strongly support this measure to require the department of public safety to work with the federal government to obtain social security cards for imprisoned people. and to assist the imprisoned to obtain birth certificates, drivers licenses, and civil identification when needed.

Our state expends about \$250 million annually for the department of public safety. Mass incarceration drives these expenditures. Prison overcrowding is currently motivating this legislature to consider new prison construction.

PLEASE NOTE: Corrections experts we have understood for many years that that prison *over crowding is due to poor reentry efforts*: "probation and parole failures, not new prison admissions fuel our current prison crowding crisis"¹

Assisting people coming out of prison with reentry and success in being law abiding members of our community, begins with ensuring they have proper identification.

Please pass this measure.

Our organization has been designing, researching and publishing on reentry programs to assist individuals, families and communities harmed by crime and imprisonment for many years. We have seen first hand the harm caused without proper reentry services provided to people leaving our state prisons. This bill would be a step toward reducing our prison populations and bringing more security and safety to our communities, which are harmed by repeat crime that is often caused by the failure to ensure proper reentry.

Please contact me at (808) 218-3712 and lorenn@hawaiifriends.org about our work and strong support for this bill.

Mahalo for your time and public service, Lorenn Walker, JD, MPH, executive director, HFRJ

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¹ Byrne, J., Taxman, F. & Young, D., (2002). *Emerging Roles and Responsibilities in the Reentry Partnership Initiative: New Ways of Doing Business*, National Institute of Justice report. Retrieved February 5, 2017 from https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/196441.pdf.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann S Freed	Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Lo Presti and members, The Coalition is in strong support of this measure. It seems only common sense to provide those released from incarceration with the documentation that will assist them in obtaining work, getting health care and normalizing their return to society. I mean, really. Are we serious about reform and reintegration or not? This is the bare minimum that we as a civil society should do for those who have done their time and now wish for a better life. Mahalo, Ann S. Freed, Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition

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Teri Heede	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

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ELIZABETH A HILLER VALENTIN	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Evern Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. How do you expect former inmates to put their lives together when you take away their identity. I have personally tried to help inmates get their identification and it has taken several months to over one year to do it. This sets them up for failure and Hawaii has to stop this inhumane practice.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ginger Bray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of this bill. Allows persons another avenue to get critical identification when they might not have access to their important documents.

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To:	Hawaii State House Committee on Public Safety
	Hearing Date/Time: March 16, 2017, 10AM
Place:	Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 312

Subject: Please Support SB 1039 SD2, assisting inmates in obtaining civil identification

Chair Takayama, Chair LoPresti, and members of the committees,

I am writing in **support of SB 1039**. Giving civil identification cards to people transitioning from prison into the community is a common sense policy. As anyone who has ever had their wallet or purse stolen will tell you, it is difficult and time consuming to replace your identification. Now, imagine you are trying to do that without support, financial resources or access to your personal documents. It can take weeks or months before you have your birth certificate and social security card and are able to apply for identification.

Without an ID, people are not able to apply for employment or housing; they cannot secure an address through a PO Box, cash a check, or open a bank account. We take all this for granted. Having a valid ID allows you to move through the day without having to think about it.

Employment and housing are vital to successful reentry and reduced recidivism rates. Without an ID, people returning to the community may have no legal means to support themselves or their families. For those entering work furlough programs, the delay in obtaining an ID stalls their progress in the program. Supporting Senate bill 1039 would allow incarcerated persons to use the time prior to their release productively to get ID before they need it.

This is a problem with an inexpensive and simple fix. Senate bill 1039 would simplify the process by issuing an ID card, and other necessary documents, prior to a person's release. This bill supports people who are ready to start the next chapter of their lives by removing a small, but significant, barrier.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew F. Haley

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: STRONGLY SUPPORT!

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Polk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB1039 that would ensure that inmates being released from prison would have identification. It is amazing to me that it requires a bill to make this happen! Without ID, a person has little chance of staying out of prison again--no wonder we have such a high recidivism rate! Please Support SB1039

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