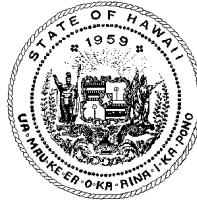


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1737  
RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

by  
Max N. Otani, Director

House Committee on Corrections, Military, and Veterans  
Representative Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Representative Sonny Ganaden, Vice Chair,

Wednesday, February 2, 2022; 10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 430, and Via Video Conference

Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Ganaden, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) has reviewed House Bill (HB) 1737, which seeks to require a reduction in the daily rate of compensation to 50% of the contracted amount once an offender's minimum term has expired beginning July 1, 2022.

The Department opposes this measure. The daily rate of compensation paid to house, feed, provide programming, treatment, and medical services cannot be linked the expiration of an offender's minimum term(s) of imprisonment. None of the costs associated with providing these services change because of the expiration of an offender's minimum term(s) of imprisonment, nor does our vendor have parole release authority over Hawaii inmates housed in Arizona.

Further, pursuant Act 8, SLH 2007 (HRS §353H-7), PSD returns out-of-state inmates to Hawaii for parole release consideration prior to the expiration of their minimum term(s) expiring last in time. PSD also submits to the Legislature with an annual report regarding this matter, the latest of which was submitted in November 2021. The report is also accessible on PSD's website.

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PSD respectfully suggests that further study on this matter Department of the Attorney General and the State Comptroller regarding contractual obligations of State agencies and changes to agreed upon levels of compensation for services rendered during the period of a contract is warranted.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1737.