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COMMENTS OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

SCR 110, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE DEPARTMENT
OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER WHETHER
THE TWO DEPARTMENTS SHOULD ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO
HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS ADMINISTER AND OPERATE A
COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM FOR OFFENDERS ON HAWAII ISLAND

March 31, 2011

Aloha Chair Espero, Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) understands and appreciates the purpose and intent of this resolution. While we are open to discussing the opportunity to develop a corrections facility on our lands, the development and implementation of a community-based corrections program is beyond the purview of our mission.

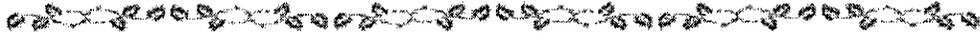
We also offer a friendly suggestion that your committee members consider incorporating the language and intent of this resolution into SCR 123 or SCR 72 (to be heard today at 2:50 p.m. by the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs) so that the task force proposed under those resolutions could also consider the feasibility of a community-based program on Hawaii Island.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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2:45 p.m.

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SCR 110 - PSD/DHHL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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Aloha Chairs Espero and Galuteria and Members of the Committees!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator Community Alliance on Prisons. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 6,000 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars, always mindful that almost 1,800 individuals 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.

SCR 110 requests PSD and DHHL to establish a task force to consider if they should enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to have DHHL administer and operate a community-based program for offenders in Hawai'i.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports the well-meaning intent of this resolution, yet our experience warns us that the prison privateers will soon be buzzing around DHHL selling them on their ability to be culturally competent. This is NOT true. CCA in Eloy, AZ (Saguaro Correctional Facility) has done plenty to impede the rights of Native Hawaiians and members of the Hawaiian Religious and Spirituality collective to exercise their religious and constitutionally protected practices. Lawsuits brought on behalf of our men by the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation attest to this fact.

As long as the selection process, the meetings, the information shared, and the minutes are open to the public we support the intent, although we believe they could just talk to each other right now to see if this is feasible.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

My family of four adults feel this is a step in the right direction and would promote Pu'uhonua process and ho'oponopono which is beneficial for all concerned and the community-at-large. It is reasonable and makes a lot of sense. Kanawai Mamalahoa needs to be respected and enforced and should be understood by all. Maybe this process will bring it into compliance and protect the citizens and visitors alike.

There is HOPE in the implementation of this SCR 110 and for a better understanding of the dynamics we are faced with in today's society within Hawaii.