

SR 45

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PROVIDE AN ITEMIZED ACCOUNTING OF THE \$1,000,000 THAT THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE SET ASIDE IN 2012 FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS AND THE \$3,400,000 SET ASIDE IN 2013 FOR EXPANDING TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND VICTIMS' SERVICES AND INITIATING PLANS TO ESTABLISH A RESEARCH AND PLANNING OFFICE.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE RESOLUTION (SR) 45
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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 9:30 AM
State Capitol, Room 016

Chairs Espero and Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairs Baker and Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** SR 45, and requests the addition of a date to submit the itemized accounting of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) funds.

The PSD has been working in consultation with the Council on State Governments to implement the JRI since 2012. There have been several successes, including the reduction of the corrections population in 2013, utilization of a standardized pretrial risk assessment, a shorter turnaround time for pretrial bail reports, reduction of sentences for certain parole violations, expanded parole services through additional staffing, expanded victim services through additional restitution staff, and an expansion of treatment programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Connie Mitchell	IHS, The Institute for Human Services, Inc.	Support	No

Comments: It has been disappointing to not see tangible progress in this area of offender re-entry. The public deserves to know what was accomplished with the funding provided by the Legislature and where the initiative stands now.

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SUPPORT for SR 45 - ACCOUNTING FOR JUSTICE REINVESTMENT FUNDS

Aloha Chairs Espero and Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committees!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies for almost two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 5,600 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars, always mindful that more than 1,600, and soon to be rising number of Hawai'i individuals who 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.

SR 45 requests the department of public safety to provide an itemized accounting of the \$1,000,000 that the justice reinvestment initiative set aside in 2012 for community-based programs and the \$3,400,000 set aside in 2013 for expanding treatment programs and victims' services and initiating plans to establish a research and planning office.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports this measure that comports exactly with the Governor's promise to the people of Hawai'i when he said that his administration would be "honest, transparent, and accountable to you".

On behalf of Community Alliance on Prisons, I was flown to Capitol Hill for a meeting with others from jurisdictions that are part of the Department of Justice's Justice Reinvestment Initiative. It was amazing to hear the strides that other places are making and totally embarrassing to admit that 2 years after JRI was enacted into law, we did not have one extra treatment bed in the community. *"What happened to the money set aside for community-based programming?"* This resolution seeks to answer that question.

We urge the committee to pass this resolution in the interest of honesty, transparency, and accountability.

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Comments: My testimony was inadvertently deleted by "the system so please accept my summary: I ask your support for SR 45 because we need accountability of the \$4,400,000 set aside for the Dept of Public Safety to establish community-based programs and for expanding treatment programs and victims' services and initiating plans to establish a research and planning office. Aloha, e. ileina funakoshi

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Comments: Properly utilizing Justice Reinvestment money will inevitably save multi-millions for Public Safety and therefore for the state and for taxpayers.

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