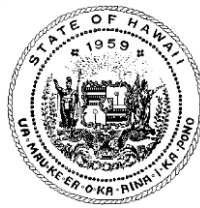


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 33  
REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ASSIST  
THE STATE IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE  
ACQUISITION OF THE FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER, HONOLULU.

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Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair  
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Thursday, April 14, 2016; 11:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 33.

SCR 33 requests Hawaii's congressional delegation to assist the State in negotiating with the federal government for the acquisition of the Federal Detention Center, Honolulu (FDC). Acquisition of FDC would provide much needed relief to Hawaii's overcrowded facilities with its 1,200 beds to house Hawaii inmates and detainees.

Since 2001, PSD has leased bed space at FDC to house pretrial and sentenced misdemeanants and currently is allowed to house up to 550 male and female inmates. FDC currently operates well below its capacity of 1,200 beds, with approximately 400 federal inmates and 181 Hawaii inmates. If the State acquired the FDC, PSD could maximize use of the facility while allowing for the continued housing of federal pre-trial detainees and federal inmates serving brief sentences at no cost to the federal Bureau of Prisons.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) supports HSR 33 requesting Hawaii's congressional delegation to assist the State in negotiating with the Federal Government with the acquisition of the Federal Detention Center, Honolulu (FDC). Acquisition of the FDC would provide innovative relief to Hawaii's overcrowded and aging correctional facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 33.

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## SUPPORT INTENT of SCR 33 – FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER

Aloha Chair Takayama Vice Chair Yamashita 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 almost two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 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 1,400 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.

SCR 33 requests Hawaii's congressional delegation to assist the state in negotiating with the federal government for the acquisition of the federal detention center, Honolulu.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports the intention of this resolution. We agree that purchasing the FDC to provide more space would enable the state to bring our people home. However, *IF* the state's interest in purchasing the FDC is only about warehousing people, we object.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

*"We must accept the reality that to confine offenders behind walls without trying to change them is an expensive folly with short-term benefits—winning battles while losing the war. It is wrong. It is expensive. It is stupid."*

*Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Warren Burger*

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Comments: NO PROGRAM CAN HELP UNLESS THE PERSON REALIZES THAT HE/SHE HAS TO CHANGE OR NOTHING WILL CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES. MY SISTER FINALLY HAS STAYED OUT OF PRISON FOR THREE YEARS, AND HAS A JOB.

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Comments: Support SCR 33. If the Legislature is able to obtain the Federal prison, may programs be in place prior to the occupation of the transferred inmates from our prison system.

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