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### TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 603 RELATING TO CORRECTIONS By Nolan P. Espinda, Director Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Friday, February 24, 2017; 9:15 a.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Roads, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) is **opposed** to Senate Bill (SB) 603, as it contradicts current, well-considered departmental policy and will negatively impact the operations of Hawaii's correctional facilities. PSD appreciates the concerns that the Legislature seeks to address in SB 603, and would like to note that the proactive and protective measures proposed in this measure are already current in policy and practice in the State's correctional facilities.

In 2014, based on the trends occurring nationally in the field of Corrections, PSD contracted with the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA), one of three national, professional corrections organizations, for technical assistance to assess our use of "restricted segregation" at all Hawaii correctional facilities. The technical assistance process involved development of a committee to oversee the process with the guidance of ASCA representatives. It included policy reviews, site inspections, interviews with staff and inmates, proposals for changes to the PSD Testimony on SB 603 Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor February 24, 2017 Page 2

Administrative and Disciplinary Segregation policy, successful consultation with HGEA and UPW (See attached) on the new policy, and implementation of the finalized policy through a training curriculum for staff.

The resulting PSD policy that took effect November 28, 2014 (attached), was reviewed and sanctioned by ASCA as sufficiently addressing the due process rights of offenders, the medical and mental health concerns related to Segregation, and included a tiered review of an offender's initial placement and continued assignment, if warranted, in administrative segregation.

The Department of Public Safety was proactive in addressing a correctional issue of nationwide concern that had created litigation problems for other states. Although Hawaii did not face these same litigation issues, the appropriate steps to comply with updated, constitutionally-compliant practices on the segregation of inmates were fully vetted, and as such, our current status absolutely does not require this statutory action.

Enactment of this measure, as written, would have two significant unintended and unnecessary consequences. The first is the possible criminalization of the application of Departmental Policies and Procedures, and the second, creation of litigation liability through inmate/advocate lawsuits brought against the State of Hawaii.

It should be noted that there is currently no litigation nor are there any investigations alleging unconstitutional segregation of inmate practices here in Hawaii. To that extent, this proposal may be described as a solution to a problem that does not exist.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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	CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES	SUPERSEDES (Policy No. & Date): COR.11.01, 12/12/09	
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## 1.0 PURPOSE

To establish a statewide policy and procedure for the segregation of inmates from the general population based on supervision requirements, offender status, medical and mental health considerations and other conditions of confinement at a Department of Public Safety (PSD) Correctional Facility.

### 2.0 REFERENCE AND DEFINITIONS

#### .1 <u>REFERENCES:</u>

- a. Hawaii Revised Statues (HRS), Section 353-C-2, Public Safety, Powers and Duties.
- b. Departmental Directive from Director Ted Sakai dated May 7, 2013, Placement of Inmates in Segregation is hereby superseded by this policy.
- c. Departmental Policy & Procedure (P&P), COR 13.02, Adjustment Committee Composition.
- d. Departmental Policy & Procedure, COR 13.03, Adjustment Procedures Governing Serious Misconduct Violations and the Adjustment of Minor Misconduct Violations.
- e. Department Policy & Procedure, COR.10.1A.01, Health Care Section, Access to Care.
- f. Department Policy & Procedure, COR.10.1E.09, Health Care Section Segregated Inmates.

#### .2 DEFINITIONS:

a. <u>Adjustment Committee Hearing</u> – An administrative due process hearing to determine if there is a preponderance of evidence to find an inmate guilty of a misconduct violation as defined in COR.13.03.

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- b. <u>Administrative Segregation</u> Inmates may be segregated on a temporary basis from the general inmate population on the order of a watch commander or higher authority, when their continued presence in general population presents an immediate threat to the safety of self or others, jeopardizes the integrity of an investigation of alleged serious misconduct or criminal activity, or endangers institutional security. The terminology "administrative segregation" is not applicable to general population maximum custody or general population protective custody inmates housed in a segregation unit.
- c. <u>Disciplinary Segregation</u> Placement of an inmate in a designated segregation housing unit in a cell separated from the general population, after being found guilty of a misconduct violation and issued a sanction by a formal adjustment committee hearing. Disciplinary segregation includes the loss of certain privileges consistent with PSD policy and as authorized by the Warden or designee.
- d. <u>Program Committee</u> The Warden or designee shall assign more than one staff member from the following programs/sections: case. management, medical/mental health professionals, and/or security staff to conduct this hearing. The Program Committee hearing may be conducted by utilizing video technology.
- e. <u>Segregation</u> Confinement of an inmate in a cell that is separated from the general inmate population.
- f. <u>Serious Misconduct</u> A greatest (6), high (7), or moderate category (8) misconduct, all of which are considered to pose a serious threat to the safety, security or welfare of the staff, other inmates, the community, or the institution, and subjects the inmate to the imposition of serious penalties such as segregation for longer than four hours.
- g. <u>Serious Misconduct Adjustment</u> A serious misconduct shall be addressed through the formal adjustment committee hearing process.
- h. <u>Warden or Designee</u> The facility administrator or next supervisory level in the chain of command at a correctional center or correctional institution (i.e. Deputy Warden or Chief of Security or Correctional Supervisor), who may be authorized temporary assignment into the Warden's position.

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- a. Administrative Segregation Form (PSD 8226), Parts A, B, C, D.,
- b. Weekly Administrative Segregation Unit Log (PSD 8316).
- c. Administrative Segregation Facility Report for the Institutions Division Administrator.

#### 3.0 POLICY

It is the policy of PSD, Corrections Division, to develop procedures to ensure that an inmate is treated fairly and receives due process, through a multi-disciplinary approach when being assessed and placed in segregation. Placement in segregation is intended to support the rehabilitative process while maintaining security, the orderly running and the good governance of the facility, and as a means to promote an environment of rehabilitation and safety.

## 4.0 PROCEDURES

- .1 ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION
  - a. Inmates may be segregated from the general inmate population according to PSD policy by the Watch Commander or higher authority, when the continued presence of the inmate in the general inmate population presents an immediate threat to the safety of self or others, jeopardizes the integrity of an investigation of an alleged serious misconduct or criminal activity or endangers institutional security.
  - b. This placement is subject to the review of the Warden or designee within twenty-four (24) hours or as soon as is practicable on the next business day following a weekend or holiday (i.e. If placed on Saturday and Monday is a holiday, then the Warden will review on Tuesday) of the inmate's placement at which time a decision shall be made to continue administrative segregation or to release the inmate back to the general inmate population.
  - c. All inmates have the right to seek administrative review of their placement in administrative segregation through the inmate grievance process.

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#### d. Placement

- 1. The Watch Commander or higher authority is authorized to place an inmate in administrative segregation, and is required to document that placement as described below.
- 2. The Warden or designee shall consider whether an inmate's continued presence in the general inmate population presents an immediate threat to the safety of self or others, jeopardizes the integrity of an investigation related to an alleged serious misconduct or criminal activity, or endangers the institutional security as determining factors for placement of an inmate in administrative segregation.
- 3. The Warden or designee may consider reliable sources of information, including confidential information, to substantiate that the inmate's continued presence in the general inmate population poses a threat to the community, property, self, staff, other inmates, security, or the orderly running and good government of the facility and thereby warrants placement in administrative segregation.

#### e. Required Documentation

- The inmate's conduct along with any confidential or other reliable information shall be documented on an incident Report, PSD 8214 (Attachment A) or in an Inter-Office Memorandum (IOM) to substantiate the facts that warrant administrative segregation.
- 2. This report must be completed and forwarded to the person who authorizes placement of the inmate in administrative segregation prior to the end of their shift.
- 3. The Watch Commander or higher authority who authorizes placement shall complete the Administrative Segregation Form, Part A (PSD 8226), which functions as the "written authorization" for placement in administrative segregation and is subject to the Warden's review by the next business day following a weekend or holiday.
- 4. A copy of "PSD 8226, Part A" shall be provided to the inmate within twenty-four (24) hours of placement in administrative segregation.

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- andb) The approximate length of segregation and/or the date of the next scheduled review.
- f. Notification
  - The Watch Commander or higher authority shall immediately notify health care staff of the placement of an inmate in administrative segregation.
  - 2. At any facility without twenty-four (24) hour on site health care, the inmate's placement in administrative segregation shall be reviewed immediately when health care staff next reports for duty. The facility shall ensure the inmate has more frequent observations (15 minute checks or constant observation) until the inmate is reviewed by health care staff and/or mental health staff.
  - 3. The designated health care staff shall assess the inmate's placement in administrative segregation prior to admission into the segregation unit or as indicated above for facilities without twenty-four (24) hour on site health care. The health care staff shall determine whether physical health or mental health issues exist that contraindicate the inmate's placement in administrative segregation. The health care staff shall immediately notify a mental health professional if there are any indications that the inmate has mental health issues.
  - 4. Mental health staff shall conduct a mental health review within twentyfour (24) hours of an inmate's placement in administrative segregation. This review applies to all inmates, and is not limited to those inmates with known or suspected mental health issues or inmates who exhibit behaviors that impact their ability to be safely placed in administrative segregation. If an inmate is placed in administrative segregation during a weekend in a facility without seven-day mental health coverage, mental health staff shall conduct a review immediately upon next reporting to duty.

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5. If there are compelling security reasons for the continued placement of an inmate in administrative segregation, despite health care concerns, the Warden shall be immediately notified by the Watch Commander or higher authority.

The Warden shall review the findings of the Watch Commander and health care staff. Based on these findings, the Warden shall determine the most appropriate placement for the inmate, and notify in writing the Institutions Division Administrator (IDA) of the placement and reasons for the inmate's placement.

#### g. Review of Inmate's Status In Administrative Segregation

- The Warden or designee shall review the documentation related to the inmate's placement in administrative segregation within twenty-four (24) hours of placement or as soon as is practicable on the next business day following a weekend or holiday. This is when the Warden or designee shall make the initial decision as to whether the inmate is to be placed on administrative segregation or released back to the general inmate population.
- 2. The Warden or designee shall conduct a personal interview with the inmate no later than seventy-two (72) hours from the date of the placement in administrative segregation to determine if administrative segregation is still warranted.
- 3. The Warden or designee shall prepare a written record to document the interview, the decision whether to continue placement, and the justification for the recommended action. A copy of the decision and justification shall be provided to the inmate on PSD 8226, Part B.
- 4. By the fifteenth (15th) day after an inmate's initial placement in administrative segregation, the Facility Program Committee shall hold a due process hearing to assess the need to continue an inmate's placement in administrative segregation. This shall be the inmate's formal due process opportunity to contest his/her placement in administrative segregation.

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	5. The Facility Program Committee shall formulate a caction plan for the inmate's "progression out" of addressing segregation and include a written record of their de administrative segregation placement or to release the general inmate population. A copy of the decis provided to the inmate on PSD 8226, Part C.	ministrative cision to confirm the the inmate back to
	6. Thirty (30) days after an inmate's initial placement is segregation and every thirty (30) days thereafter, the designee shall personally interview the inmate, real management action plan, and make a written recorn to either confirm the continued administrative segregation release the inmate back to the general inmate populate decision shall be provided to the inmate on PSI	ne Warden or ssess the case of of his/her decision egation housing or to ulation. A copy of
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#### .2 DISCIPLINARY SEGREGATION

- a. Inmates may be required to serve a period of disciplinary segregation as a consequence of a guilty finding for a violation of a serious misconduct.
   Disciplinary segregation includes the loss of certain privileges as dictated by facility policy.
- All inmates have the right to seek administrative review of an adjustment committee's decision of placement in disciplinary segregation through the grievance process.

#### c. Placement

- The Watch Commander or higher authority is authorized to place an inmate in disciplinary segregation based on an adjustment committee hearing and finding of guilt based on a preponderance of the evidence for violating a serious misconduct (COR.13.03).
- If an adjustment committee issues a sanction of disciplinary segregation exceeding a period of sixty (60) days, the expressed written approval of the IDA is required.
- 3. Any disciplinary segregation sanction shall consider an inmate's medical and mental health needs, the gravity of the facts, and the severity of the serious misconduct violation.
- 4. The Warden or his/her designee may modify any adjustment committee's sanction in accordance with COR.13.03.

#### d. Required Documentation

- The Adjustment Committee shall document their findings and disposition on the Notice of Report of Misconduct and Hearing form (PSD 8210A).
- 2. A copy of the Notice of Report of Misconduct and Hearing form (PSD 8210A) shall be signed by the inmate and a copy shall be provided to the inmate. The inmate's refusal to sign shall be documented.

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- a) A listing of the misconducts violated;
- b) Findings of the adjustment committee;
- c) The evidence relied upon;
- d) The denial of witnesses;
- e) Listing of any privileges revoked and the justification;
- f) Length of the disciplinary segregation.

#### e. Notification

- 1. The Watch Commander/Correctional Supervisor or higher authority shall immediately notify health care staff of the placement of an inmate in disciplinary segregation.
- 2. At any facility without twenty-four (24) hour on site health care, the inmate's placement in disciplinary segregation shall be reviewed immediately when health care next reports for duty. The facility shall ensure that the inmate has more frequent observations (15 minute checks or constant observation), until reviewed by health care staff and/or mental health staff. It should be noted that a facility is able to schedule placement when health care staff is on duty.
- 3. The designated health care staff shall assess the inmate's placement in disciplinary segregation prior to his/her assignment to the segregation unit. At any facility without twenty-four (24) on site health care the assessment shall occur when health care staff next reports for duty to determine whether physical health or mental health issues exist that contraindicate the inmate's placement in disciplinary segregation. The health care staff must immediately notify a mental health professional if there are any indications that the inmate has mental health issues.
- 4. Mental health staff shall conduct a mental health review within twentyfour (24) hours of an inmate's placement in disciplinary segregation. This review applies to all inmates, and is not limited to those inmates with known or suspected mental health issues or inmates who exhibit behaviors that impact their ability to be safely placed in disciplinary segregation. If an inmate is placed in disciplinary segregation during a

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weekend in a facility without seven-day mental health coverage, mental health staff shall conduct a review immediately upon next reporting to duty.

- 5. If there are compelling security reasons for the continued placement of an inmate in disciplinary segregation despite health care concerns, the Warden shall be immediately notified by the Watch Commander or higher authority.
- 6. The Warden shall review the written findings of both the Watch Commander and the health care staff. Based on these findings, the Warden shall determine the most appropriate placement for the inmate, and notify in writing the Institutions Division Administrator of the placement and reasons for the inmate's placement. The IDA will discuss the matter or any conflict with the Deputy Director of Corrections, who will make the final decision on the inmate's placement.
- f. Review of Inmate's Status In Disciplinary Segregation
  - The Warden shall review the adjustment hearing documentation (PSD 8210A) related to an inmate's placement in disciplinary segregation within twenty-four (24) hours, or on the next official business day if placement was effectuated on a weekend or holiday.
  - 2. The IDA shall be notified in writing prior to day sixty (60) of an inmate's disciplinary segregation to seek authorization for any consecutive sanction.
- g. <u>Inmate Monitoring in Administrative Segregation and Disciplinary</u> <u>Segregation</u>
  - A health care professional shall tour each segregation housing unit by observing each inmate at cell front once per day. The health care professional shall communicate with the staff on duty in the segregation unit to identify any inmate with medical or mental health concerns.
  - 2. Each segregation unit shall have a locked inmate medical request collection box located in an area accessible to inmates during out of

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cell time (i.e. showers, recreation, phone calls). Only health care staff shall have access to the contents of these boxes. Health care staff shall retrieve the contents of these boxes daily, review and address any inmate request slips located within the box or make a referral to the appropriate health care professional.

- 3. The health care professional shall review any inmate request slips deposited in the units' medical request collection boxes to ascertain any other health related issues or concerns. Any action taken shall be documented in the inmate's official medical record file. The health care professional's tours shall be documented in the segregation unit logbook.
- 4. A mental health professional shall tour each segregation housing unit(s) not less than five (5) times per week. The mental health professional shall communicate with the staff on duty in the segregation unit to identify any inmate with mental health or well-being concerns. Any action taken shall be documented in the inmate's official medical record file. The mental health care professional's tours shall be documented in the segregation unit logbook.
- 5. The Adult Correctional Officer (ACO) in the segregation unit shall personally observe each inmate in segregation once every thirty (30) minutes at irregular intervals, unless an inmate's behavior requires more frequent observations (15 minute checks or constant observations), based on a recommendation from a health care professional or as required by Section 4.1.f.2. The ACO shall document his/her observations in the unit logbook.
- 6. The ACO shall document in real time the following: meals, showers, hygiene, cell inspections, recreation, visits, telephone calls, and interaction with medical, mental health, facility administration, watch supervisors, case managers, grievance specialist, and other program staff on the Weekly Segregation Activity form (PSD 8316). The ACO shall maintain the unit logbook in accordance with COR.05.08: Post and Area Logbooks. This shall be maintained for the purpose of review and a formal record.

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	5.	All inmates in segregation based on their status as adm segregation or disciplinary segregation shall have the o	

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	maintain basic hygiene and shall have access to courts social workers, spiritual advisors, reading materials, and	
	i. <u>Documentation for Administrative Segregation and Disciplin</u> Segregation	nary
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	3. Each Warden shall submit the Administrative Segregati Report to the IDA by Wednesday of the following week.	•
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November 12, 2014

Ted Sakai, Director State of Hawaii Department of Public Safety 919 Ala Moana Boulevard Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

> RE: Policy & Procedures COR.11.01: Administrative Segregation and Disciplinary Segregation, Letter dated June 10, 2014

Dear Mr. Sakai:

In accordance with Sections 1 and 47 of the Unit 10 collective bargaining agreement, the United Public Workers reviewed and investigated the proposal cited above.

The Union agrees with the implementation of Policy & Procedures COR.11.01: Administrative Segregation and Disciplinary Segregation (amended on November 3, 2014) with the understanding that Adult Corrections Officers shall be required to conduct 15-minute observation on an inmate in segregation in facilities without 24-hour on site health care when the inmate was placed in segregation without first being assessed by health care and/or mental health staff, and until such time that an assessment occurs.

Despite the Union's agreement with the implementation of the Policy & Procedure (P&P), the Union disagrees with training on the P&P being conducted via the Department's "Train the Trainer" program. Training through this kind of program requires negotiation with the Union. Accordingly, training should cease immediately until negotiations are concluded and mutual agreement is achieved.

Sincerely. charlena

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July 15, 2014

Mr. Ted Sakai, Director Department of Public Safety State of Hawaii 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Honolulu, HI 96814

Dear Mr. Sakai:

## Subject: Consultation on Proposed Policy and Procedures – COR.11.01, Administrative Segregation and Disciplinary Segregation

This is in response to your letter dated June 10, 2014 requesting consultation regarding the above mentioned proposed policy. Thank you for allowing us additional time to respond.

We have reviewed the proposed policy and the information provided, and have no questions at this time. However, it is our expectation and understanding that the department is open to discuss any unforeseen issues or areas of concern that may arise when this policy is implemented.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Sanford Chun Field Services Officer

cc: PSD Personnel

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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, 4th Floor Honolulu, Hawali 96814 TED SAKAI DIRECTOR

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June 10, 2014

Randy Perreira Executive Director Hawaii Government Employees Association 888 Mililani Street, Suite 601 Honolulu, HI 96813 Elizabeth Ho Area Field Services Director AFSCME 888 Mililani Street, Suite 601 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dayton Nakanelua State Director United Public Workers 1426 North School Street Honolulu, HI 96817

RE: CONSULTATION – POLICY AND PROCEDURES COR.11.01: ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION & DISCIPLINARY SEGREGATION

Dear Mr. Perreira, Mr. Nakanelua, and Ms. Ho:

The Department is requesting consultation regarding Policy and Procedure COR.11.01 titled "Administrative Segregation and Disciplinary Segregation." The policy and references are attached for your review.

Please have your designee contact Ms. Renee Laulusa at 587-1242 to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely

Ted Sakai Director

c: LCO

# COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ON PRISONS P.O. Box 37158, Honolulu, HI 96837-0158



**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR** Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran, Chair Sen. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Friday, February 24, 2017 9:15 am Room 016

## STRONG SUPPORT SB 603 - RESTRICTING THE USE OF ADMIN SEGREGATION

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads 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 approximately 6,000 Hawai`i individuals living behind bars or under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety on any given day. 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.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of SB 603 about a subject that has been locked behind the walls for far too long. It is a step in the right direction.

## TWO TYPES OF SOLITARY<sup>1</sup>

Two types of solitary confinement are commonly in use today. The first, known as disciplinary segregation, is leveled as punishment when inmates break the rules. Steal a cellmate's radio, for instance, and you might be in solitary for a week or two. During disciplinary segregation, an inmate is separated from other inmates for a specified period of time.

The second type of confinement is known as administrative segregation, which is used when prisoners are deemed a risk to the safety of other inmates or prison staff. Prisoners in administrative segregation are placed into isolation units for months or years. Corrections officials first turned to this strategy in response to growing gang violence inside prisons, Dvoskin says.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Alone, in 'the hole' Psychologists probe the mental health effects of solitary confinement, By Kirsten Weir, May 2012, Vol 43, No. 5, Print version: page 54. <u>http://www.apa.org/monitor/2012/05/solitary.aspx</u>

# THE HARMS IMPOSED BY THE STATE

Though critics contend that administrative segregation has never been proven to make prisons safer, use of this type of confinement has continued to rise. That's worrisome to most psychologists who study the issue. Deprived of normal human interaction, many segregated prisoners reportedly suffer from mental health problems including anxiety, panic, insomnia, paranoia, aggression and depression, Haney says (Crime and Delinquency, 2003).

# **RESEARCH**

## Bureau of Justice Statistics:

The Department of Justice<sup>2</sup> reports that **Hawai`i has the 7<sup>th</sup> highest number of prison suicides in the nation**.<sup>3</sup> Isn't this a clarion call for reform? If it isn't, how many people have to die in state correctional facilities before something is done to reform a broken system?

The Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution requires that prison officials "ensure that inmates receive adequate food, clothing, shelter, and medical care" and "take reasonable measures" to guarantee their safety.

# Vera Institute of Justice:

Policy changes<sup>4</sup> that will reduce the use and long term impact of segregation include the following:

- using alternative sanctions for minor violations
- reducing segregation time for certain categories of violations
- employing standardized incentivized reductions in segregation time for sustained good behavior
- providing opportunities for gradual resocialization to the general prison population

## United Nations Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council<sup>5</sup>

The Special Rapporteur stresses that solitary confinement is a harsh measure which may cause serious psychological and physiological adverse effects on individuals regardless of their specific conditions. He finds solitary confinement to be contrary to one of the essential aims of the penitentiary system, which is to rehabilitate offenders and facilitate their reintegration into society. The Special Rapporteur defines prolonged solitary confinement as any period of solitary confinement in excess of 15 days.

<sup>5</sup> SEEING INTO SOLITARY REPORT:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bureau of Justice Statistics, Mortality in State Prisons, 2001-2014 Statistical Tables, December 2016, NCJ 250150, Table 13 Number of state and federal prisoner deaths, by cause and jurisdiction, 2001–2014, page 12. <u>https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/msp0114st.pdf</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Prisons Within Prisons: The Use of Segregation in the United States, Federal Sentencing Reporter • Vol. 24, No. 1 • October 2011. <u>http://archive.vera.org/sites/default/files/resources/downloads/prisons-within-prisons-segregation.pdf</u>

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We implore the committee to understand that Hawai`i has released people to the community directly from segregation. This does not protect the released person or the community to which s/he is released. Please understand that today's inmate is tomorrow's neighbor and it is the department's responsibility to do its level best to help people safely return to the community.

Over the decades, Community Alliance on Prisons has developed relationships with correctional officials and researchers around the world so that we can keep abreast of best practices in corrections and justice issues. There is a larger discussion about solitary confinement taking place around the nation, however, we have been told by people from other jurisdictions that officials from Hawai`i rarely participate in these meetings.

# WHAT CORRECTIONS OFFICIALS AND OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT ISOLATION

Here are some thoughts by corrections officials:

- The Association of State Correctional Administrators issued a report calling prolonged isolation of inmates in jails and prisons "**a grave problem in the United States**."<sup>6</sup>
- **Inmates sent to solitary should be prisoners** "**we're afraid of, not mad at**," said Gary Mohr, director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.<sup>7</sup>

Charles Dickens visited the Eastern State Penitentiary in Pennsylvania in 1842, and the editors call him "one of the earliest—and still one of the most eloquent—critics of solitary confinement." He described the penitents there as men **"buried alive."** 

SB 603 is a step in the right direction to reform this inhumane practice, however, with little to no oversight, there is no assurance that administrative segregation will not continue to be used as a tool of retaliation.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Rethinking solitary: National prisons group pushes changes, Andrew Welsh-Huggins, AP Legal Affairs Writer, January 16, 2016. <u>http://www.seattlepi.com/news/us/article/Rethinking-solitary-National-prisons-group-6763615.php</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Id.

## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT of SB 603 RELATING TO CORRECTIONS with SUGGESTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS Hearing before JDL on February 24, 9:15am, in Room 016

# TO: Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaram, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

## FROM: Barbara Polk

Thank you for hearing SB 603, a very important bill. Hawaii has been criticized for its excessive use of administrative and disciplinary segregation, better known as solitary confinement, in its jails and prisons. This bill is an important step in reining in the excessive use of this measure.

I am especially glad to see that continued use of solitary confinement would no longer be permissible for trivial violations of rules (such as being late to stand outside one's cell during one of the several counts per day, as reportedly happens at OCCC)), or for filing complaints, requesting medical aid, or other non-violent actions. I am also glad to see the rights of those in solitary confinement spelled out.

While I am glad to see restrictions on the amount of time a person may be held in solitary confinement, I would point out that the United Nations has found solitary confinement of more than 15 days to be excessive. Although this bill would call for review after ten days for inmates in disciplinary confinement, it would not prevent a continuous stint of 60 days—four times the length of time that may cause psychological or physical harm to individuals according to numerous research reports. Doing so may result in a permanent impediment to reintegration into the society at a later date. <u>I urge that the bill be amended to require that no inmate be subjected to solitary confinement for longer than 15 days at a time, with at least 15 days of a less restrictive arrangement, including human contact, intervening, if necessary to again place the inmate in solitary.</u>

I am also concerned that one third to one half of the individuals held in our jails are pre-trial detainees—that is, they are, according to the US Constitution, innocent. To subject someone not found guilty of a crime to harsh punishment, even to a few days in solitary confinement, is not appropriate. <u>I</u> suggest that pre-trial detainees be provided the additional screening and approval that would be accorded vulnerable populations.

Training for correctional facilities' staff is very important to protect the rights of those inmates who are placed in solitary confinement, as well as to help prevent the need for this measure. <u>I urge you to add</u> that training must include modern alternatives to solitary confinement, as well as the handling of difficult situations in ways that de-escalate, rather than escalate violent or other inappropriate behavior.

**Finally, I urge that the bill make clear that its provisions apply to mainland prisons under contract to the state, as well as to those within the state.** Reports by people who have been held in private prisons, as well as the high rate of murder and suicide in those prisons, make it imperative that the values of Hawaii be implemented wherever inmates are incarcerated.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony, and for seeking to humanize our correctional system!

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Subject:	SB603, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS
Date:	Monday, February 20, 2017 6:35:40 AM

Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Public Decision Making Date: Feb. 24, 2017 Time: 9:15 a.m. Room: 016 SB 603, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS STRONG SUPPORT

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am e. ileina funakoshi an advocate for prison reform. For many years, I was like most of the general public who believed that criminals should be locked up and they had all the free benefits that we had to pay for.

In reality, over the years, the prison has become more of an institution that was not a place for "corrections." I say this because I visited OCCC in the 80's and it was very different from what it is today. Granted, I did not visit the prison (Halawa), but my friend's husband was incarcerated then and the privileges were greater than today. Instead of going forward, we are moving backwards. Not only in privileges, but separation of visitation, dressing them in stripes (for what purpose), etc.

Therefore, I praise the committee for considering this bill with new restrictions on administrative and disciplinary segregations. A step forward toward building respect for their "care takers" instead of intimidation. An oversight is needed to curtail the use of segregations for cases not falling in the category of danger to self or others. To put an inmate in seg for 30 days for a minor infraction, accompanied by a write-up which reduces his/her chances for getting paroled, must stop.

Officers (known as "corrections" officers) need training not only to protect themselves but to address the needs of the community and setting a good example in their behavior for the inmates to follow. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit my testimony and to humbly ask for your committee to pass SB603.

Aloha, e. ileina funakoshi JUDICIARY AND LABOR COMMITTEE Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Public Decision Making Date: Feb. 24, 2017 Time: 9:15 a.m. Room: 016 SB 603, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS SUPPORT

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am Elsie Morikawa of Mililani writing in support of SB603.

Not knowing too much about the operation of the prison system, I am voicing my concerns on the effect of what segregation of a child did to my close friend.

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She was devastated when her son was placed in segregation because he basically obeys the rules and he is a good person. Surely, serious consideration should be given to the emotional distress it causes not only to the inmate but the family involved when placing a person in segregation for minor offenses..

I am a mother and when my child is ill, I can help care for him, but if your child is incarcerated, there's nothing you can do to help care for him. When he's placed in segregation, he cannot call you so the worries and fears pile up. My friend went through all that.

Therefore, for the love of our children, I ask you to pass SB603 to avoid such sufferings for the parents who are so far away from their loved ones.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to send you my testimony.

Aloha,

Elsi S. Marikawa

Elsie Morikawa February 22, 2017

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February 22, 2017

Judiciary and Labor Committee Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair Senat5or Karl Rhoades, Vice Chair Public Decision Making Date: Feb. 24, 2017 Time: 9:15 a.m. Roome: 016 SB-603, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS SUPPORT

Dear Chair Keith Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am Frances Serikaku of Pearl City writing in support of SB-603.

I believe its time for the Department of Public Safety to have some guidelines on how to apply the two types of Segregation; who is authorized to make the decision and that all evidences are reviewed and presented to the offender too.

Segregation is a harsh punishment and it must be indiscriminately applied across the board. Each case involves a person's life and affects his family and friends in prison also.

Thank you for caring for people some consider unworthy of your consideration. I humbly ask for your committee to pass this bill, and I thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Sincerely,

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Frances Serikaku

February 23, 2017

Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Honolulu, Hawaii

Senator Keith-Agaran:

I am writing to share my thoughts on S.B. NO. 603 (a copy of which is attached), which I understand your Committee will discuss it tomorrow, February 24.

By way of back ground, up until February 1 when I retired, I served as Co-Executive Director of the Association of State Correctional Administrators for more than 30 years. In that capacity in 2014, I and others worked very closely with the Department of Public Safety to help them improve the manner in which they assigned, managed, and released inmates from confinement in restrictive housing units. As part of that effort, we recommended that they update their policy, train staff in its application, and monitor the results the policy produced. To that end they developed the attached Policy (COR.11.01), on Administrative Segregation and Disciplinary Segregation.

Specifically with regard to the proposed legislation, I believe you are better served by supporting the Policy and its quite specific requirements rather than legislating/ prescribing how the Department should operate its restrictive housing units. Had the Department not developed and implemented such a rigorous policy I would think otherwise.

When the Policy was adopted by the Department, it represented the best thinking of the corrections profession, as it does today with but one exception. Given that some time has passed since the Policy went into effect on November 28, 2014, I would recommend that the Department make reference in its Policy to meeting the professional standards and guidelines adopted by the American Correctional Association and the Association of State Correctional Administrators. You might also want to reference them in S.B NO. 603, along with the Department's Policy (COR.11.01), rather than attempting to stipulate precisely how the Department should operate. Accepted practices and standards are being revisited continually. What might be set in stone legislatively today will no doubt need to be revised shortly based on knowledge gained by correctional professionals. In this regard, it would be far easier for the Department to amend its Policy than it would be to amend the proposed legislation.

I hope I have not come off as trying to tell you how to conduct your business. That rests with you. I just hope my thoughts are worth your consideration.

Thank you for listening,

George m. Camp

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## Judiciary and Labor Committee

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Public Decision Making Date: **Feb. 24, 2017** Time: 9:15 a.m. Room: 016 SB 603, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS SUPPORT

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am Junet Higashihara of Moanalua Valley writing in support of SB 603.

My friend was deeply hurt and agonized when her loved one was confined in segregation for an offense which was not violent or dangerous to others. There was nothing I could do at that time, so this bill gives me the opportunity to help her and others in a similar situation not having to experience what she went through.

I submit this with the hope that you will pass the bill out of committee and thank you for the opportunity to voice my concern.

Respectfully yours,

Junet Higashihara

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## <u>SB603</u>

Submitted on: 2/21/2017 Testimony for JDL on Feb 24, 2017 09:15AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois J Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments: this bill will keep the administration from exercising any biases they may have towards individuals. I believe it will keep all in check from undue/unfair practices.

Please note that testimony submitted <u>less than 24 hours prior to the hearing</u>, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

Support

I am Myrna Miyoshi a long-time Pearl City resident who was employed by the courts before my retirement.

I totally agree with B603 in setting restrictions on the use of Administrative and Disciplinary segregations. Without restrictions, prisoners can be placed in the Seg for unreasonable reasons that has nothing to do with causing harm to anyone, escaping, or causing safety problems.

We incarcerate people for their crimes, not to dehumanize them. I thank you for this legislation and the opportunity to share my concerns with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Myrna Miyoshi Myrna Miyoshi

Judiciary & Labor Committee Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Public Decision Making Date: Feb. 24, 2017 Time: 9:15 a.m. Room: 016 SB 603, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS SUPPORT

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am Priscilla Robins, a supporter of SB-603, Relating to Corrections.

Sometimes we treat law breakers without much regard for their personal characteristics and punish them at higher level because there's no law restricting them from doing so We badly need SB603 to cut down on this type of punishment and relationships with the ACOs improve.

Aloha,

Priscilla Robins

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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am Rhonda Mack and new to writing testimony. My friend asked me to review SB 603 to see if I could support it. I support the intent of the bill but as to line 15, 16, 17, I believe its not necessary to have the hearing every third day.

However, I strongly encourage the passage of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very respectfully yours, Rhonda Mack

Support

February 20, 2017

Judiciary and Labor Committee Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Public Decision Making Date: Feb. 24, 2017 Time: 9:15 a.m. Room: 016 SB 603, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS SUPPORT

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am Rose Fletcher, a widow of an Army officer, living with my children in the Leeward Area.

Having been deported to Japan in exchange to free American prisoners there, even though I was a Japanese-American citizen, know how it feels to have no voice when injustices exist. It hurts very deeply when torn from your family and put among people who are not of the same culture and have restrictions un-American.

It is thus when one is incarcerated and torn from your community to live among strangers with oversight governed without adherence to any rules or lack of thereof. Helplessness leads to despair which breaks the human spirit and often leads to suicide.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share my heartbreak for the incarcerated torn from their families. They need to pay for their crimes, but God cares for all his children.

Aloha,

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Rose Fletcher

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February 21, 2017

Judiciary and Labor Committee Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Public Decision Making Date: Feb. 24, 2017 Time: 9:15 a.m. Room: 016 SB 603, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS SUPPORT

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

Sandy Fujikawa and I both work at Waiau Elementary School and strongly support HB603.

We believe that all mankind needs to be treated fairly and this bill, we hope, will avoid any injustices done in putting people in segregation by perception instead of hard facts. To use segregation for revengeful purposes must be stopped.

One of us had a spouse incarcerated and know the hardship families experience without their loved ones. To add to their financial problems the pain of their loved one's suffering sadly causes family friction.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony and thank you for your hard work.

Mahalo and Aloha,

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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am Theodore Robinson, a resident of Hawai`i for many years, writing in support of SB603.

I have heard "straight from the horse's mouth" of some of the uncalled for demeaning things that go on within the prison walls. These prisoners are placed in the state's hands to care for them while they serve their term in prison. What does the state want to gain from such treatments - they are not prisoners of war but part of our ohana.

If there's any legislation that would help to correct any kind of indecent treatment of our ohana in any situation, I support and thank the Legislators for their time and effort in doing so.

My heartfelt mahalo for SB603 and ask this committee to pass it out of committee.

With fond Aloha, Theodore Robinson