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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 13
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY
by
Nolan P. Espinda, Director
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House Committee on Public Safety Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair Representative Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 9, 2017; 10:00 a.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 312

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **opposes** House Bill (HB) 13, Relating to Public Safety, which would authorize off-duty corrections officers to carry a concealed weapon without requiring a permit.

To clarify, Adult Corrections Officers are <u>not</u> duly appointed law enforcement officers and do not possess the authority or powers of arrest of law enforcement officers in the State of Hawaii. Additionally, the Department of Public Safety does not provide the level of extensive training comparative to that provided to duly-appointed law enforcement officers, which would be absolutely required to this massive expansion of deadly use-of-force authority.

Current law already allows for any Corrections Officer, as a citizen, to seek an authorized permit and to own and possess firearms for whatever reason he or she may see fit.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

From: David Apo <daveapo50@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 12:38 PM

To: pbstestimony

Subject: HB13

Honorable representative Gregg, Takatama, Chair Honorable representative Matthew S LoPresti, Vice Chair Honorable representative Richard P Cregan Honorable representative Lynn DeCoite Honorable representative Cedric Asuega Gates Honorable representative Kaniela Ing Honorable representative Cynthia Thielan

I respectfully submit my support for HB13, authorizing off-duty Corrections Officers to carry a concealed weapon without requiring a permit.

As a correctional officer I am required to carry a firearm whenever I am assigned to a post that requires the transport of an inmate(s) to protect the public other inmates and staff. After my 8 hour shift, I relinquish my sidearm to central control and go home. I repeat this until the work week is done.

The majority of inmates see me as their protector, doing their job that very few would ever consider. I must keep my emotions in check whenever I interact with murderers, rapists, pedophiles, and gang members and constantly remind myself that I must show no fear, favor, or prejudice. As earlier stated, the majority of inmates understand that we, as correctional officers, are just doing our "job". However, there are few inmates that I have encountered that see us, Correction Officers, has the only person keeping them from their wives, children, family, Etc. They see us as the "bad" person. They refuse to accept responsibility for their actions and blame the one individual that they see 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

I have been a correctional officer for over 17 years and have encountered a few inmates that harbor retaliatory Behavior and have been personally threatened numerous times. It only seems logical that if I am required to be armed to protect the public, inmates, and staff while on duty, when should have the ability to protect oneself and others when off duty.

All Corrections Officers muscle by Department standards of conduct, use of force policy (including the applicable Hawaii revised statutes), and qualify annually on firearms.

Your support for this bill is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

David App Sergeant Oahu Community Correctional Center

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Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 4:22 AM

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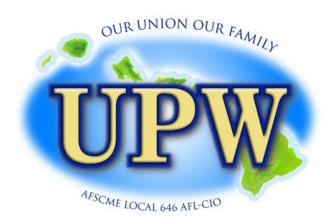
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Oppose	Yes

Comments: We WHOLLY OPPOSE this bill. There is no justification for the need to have Corrections Officers to carry a concealed weapon while they are off duty. Most corrections officers don't even carry weapons while on duty, though most are certified to use a firearm in the case of emergency within the facility (e.g. To put down a riot.), or for tower duty, in which it's an AR-15 Submachine rifle that is used & not a firearm. Corrections Officers who transport prisoners also use hand guns.

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THE HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES The Twenty-Ninth Legislature Regular Session of 2017

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY (PBS)

The Honorable Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair The Honorable Mathew LoPresti, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Thursday, February 9, 2017

TIME OF HEARING: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF HEARING: State Capitol, Rm. 312

415 South Beretania Street

HB13 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646 AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

HB13 proposes to amend HRS 134-11 to extend the same concealed weapon exemptions to Adult Corrections Officers, currently given to state law enforcement officers. The Hawaii ACOs are an integral part of the criminal justice system. They implement the incarceration of inmates and also provide rehabilitation services. ACOs sometimes handle inmates who, when released from prison, hold resentment against the ACOs and, since Hawaii is such a close community geographically, former inmates and gang members occasionally see ACOs in the community.

This situation could be unsafe for an ACO or his or her family. Several states or municipalities (Washington, New York and California) within the U.S. have seen fit to grant prison guards/corrections officers the right to carry a concealed weapon. There have been killing or injuring of ACOs in other states.

Our adult corrections officers face danger daily in the corrections facilities and put their lives on the line everyday by keeping the peace, enforcing laws and rules related to corrections, being first responders to emergencies in correctional facilities, including the prevention of escapes and apprehension of those who escape. When ACOs finish work at the end of the shift, they are still correctional officers and are bound by the same Standards of Conduct as law enforcement officers. It cannot be ignored that sometimes, ex convicts illegally carry weapons and firearms. Our Hawaii ACOs deserve the same opportunity as law enforcement officers, to protect themselves and their family.

The UPW strongly supports this bill and requests the committee to pass it.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

February 3, 2017

The Honorable Representative Greg Takayama, Chair, Public Safety Committee. The Honorable Representative Matthew LoPresti, Vice Chair, Public Safety Committee.

Wyatt Lee, Adult Corrections Officer IV

In support of HB13, which is relating to Correctional Officers; Concealed weapons off duty carry.

I am in full support of HB13 that will provide Adult Corrections Officers the ability to carry a concealed firearm off duty without having to apply for a permit. I have been an Adult Corrections Officer for the past 24 years, and I have seen and experienced many scenarios regarding inmates who are or were incarcerated, on Parole/Probation or that have completed their sentences.

As ACO's we spend approximately 8 to 16 hours a day with inmates. The criminal element, behind bars become more sophisticated and dangerous because they now join up with Gangs, which the department refers to as Security Threat Groups. They conspire to organize criminal behavior from within the prison walls such as drug and contraband trafficking, gang recruitment, staff intimidation, etc. that ultimately affects people that are on the outside.

When officers are enforcing and ensuring that the governing State and Federal laws are being adhered to, we become targets of threats and violence from these inmates. Many ACO's and I including our family's, have been threatened with physical and gun violence from inmates whom we have had disputes with. The latest for me was in the summer of 2016, twice from the same inmate, which was reported to the authorities.

On occasion when my Wife, Son, and I go out, I explain to her that "if I start talking to a person <u>I DO NOT</u> introduce you too, you are to keep on walking until I catch up." There were several occasions where I became very uncomfortable while with my family because former inmates and their accomplices were staring or even outright following us, due to some encounter that happened while I was at work.

I might add that our Federal counter parts that work at the Federal Detention Center in Honolulu are allowed to carry firearms off duty. Therefore please understand, for these reasons I support HB13 and I implore you to support it as well.

Aloha, Wyatt Lee, Sergeant HCF.

African American Lawyers Association 1188 Bishop St. #1908 Honolulu, HI 96813

February 8, 2017

RE: Testimony in Opposition to HB13
Permitting Off Duty Correctional Officer's to
Have Concealed Weapons without Permits

Dear Chair Takayama and Vice Chair LoPresti, and Committee Members Public Safety:

The African American Lawyers Association opposes HB 13 which allows off duty correctional officers to carry a concealed weapons with out a permit. Some correctional officers have been found to have committed crimes such as carrying drugs into the prison, assaults on inmates and sexual assaults on inmates. There is no need for these guards to carry concealed weapons without a permit. There is no purpose for this Bill. This should not be allowed. Please do not pass this Bill.

By Daphne E. Barbee Wooten President African American Lawyers Association

lopresti1 - Randy

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2017 2:59 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Oppose	Yes

Comments: We STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill. There is no demonstrated need for this bill. Supporting testimony by Correctional Officers base their request on "hyperthetical" scenarios. Corrections Officers don't even carry firearms in the prison system, except in the guard tower (AR-15) & during transportation. Corrections Officers are not deputized officers like the Sheriffs, or HPD.

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I have been a Correctional Officer for 20 years and have encountered a few inmates that harbor retaliatory behavior and have been personally threatened numerous times. It only seems logical that if I am required to be armed to protect the public, inmates, and staff while on duty, one should have the ability to protect one's self and others when off duty.

All Corrections Officers must abide by our department's Standards of Conduct, Use of Force policy (including the applicable Hawaii Revised Statutes), and qualify annually on firearms.

Your support of this Bill is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Allan Octavio
Sergeant
Oahu Community Correctional Center

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2017 7:40 PM

To: pbstestimony

Cc: thebiglona@gmail.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronny Lopez	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Representative Greg Takayama, Chair, Public Safety Committee Representative Matthew LoPresti, Vice Chair, Public Safety Committee Ronny Lopez, Adult Correctional Officer ACO III In Support of HB13 Relating to Corrections Officer: Concealed Weapons: OFF DUTY Thursday, February 3, 2017 I support HB 13 that will allow Adult Correctional Officers the ability to carry a concealed weapon off duty without the need to apply for a permit. My fellow Correctional Officers and I, put our lives on the line everyday to protect the public as well as the prison custody that we have sworn to protect. We are the first responders to provide emergency response as well as help and control situations that most people will never have to experience in their life time. With this being said, we have sworn to do our duty and do it on a daily basis. I would like to point out that all other law enforcement agencies have to deal with negative behavior on a temporary basis but we deal with this daily and for a longer duration with the prison custody. It is one thing to condition yourself for this job mentally and fiscally but our family suffer never knowing if they are safe when we are out with our personal lives. I am constantly aware of my surroundings, positioning myself and family at the safest strategic position for their safety. I have been confronted on several occasions with inmates that have been released from prison with a negative objective. My family knows upon seeing this to walk away from me and seek safety and be prepared to call 911. Recently, an unfortunate situation occurred approximately 50 yards from my home. A neighbor of mine who knows that I work for Corrections let me know that someone whom appeared to be high, approached her and asked, "Where does Ron Lopez the Correctional Officer live?" She informed him that I didn't live in this area and pointed him in a different direction. This does not only involve myself but my family and our quality of life. I believe that I should have the right to protect myself and my family. I work within the Facility in Intake and Release and deal with all different law enforcement agencies who have told me on many occasions that they would not want to do my job. If these law enforcement agencies are allowed to carry concealed weapons when they are not on duty, then how is it any different for Corrections? I humbly ask that you allow myself and my fellow Correctional Officers to protect ourselves and our families. For these reasons, I support HB 13 and I humbly urge you to pass this bill as well. Sincerely, Ron Lopez

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2017 2:37 PM

To: pbstestimony **Cc:** bisaacso@hawaii.edu

Subject: Submitted testimony for HB13 on Feb 9, 2017 10:00AM

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Submitted on: 2/4/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: More good guys on the street with guns has proven to lower crime rates. In fact, this bill doesn't go far enough. The legislature should pass a "shall issue" concealed carry bill, and put even more good guys on the street with guns. Criminals fear an armed public.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: pbstestimony

Cc: aurasaki@hawaiiantel.net

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Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of this measure. Mahalo.

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Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair Representative Matthew LoPresti, Vice Chair Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Todd Yukutake (808) 255-3066 toddyukutake@gmail.com

February 6, 2017

Support HB No. 13 Relating to Public Safety

I support HB13. I believe all citizens, LE or not, have a right to carry a firearm for self-defense and is supported by the 2nd amendment right to bear arms. Corrections officers may face retribution from people that they guard and they need this law for their safety outside of the home off duty. This is the same danger other people face whether it's a stalker, domestic violence, and criminals out in public. I was a former law enforcement officer in the past and can no longer carry a concealed weapon as a civilian.

In addition, I think it is better to have more good guys with guns to keep crime in check. Criminals aren't that stupid to risk their life committing crimes against armed citizens.

Please vote for HB13.

Todd Yukutake

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 1:57 AM

To: pbstestimony

Cc: djf991960@hotmail.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Fukuzawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I do support this bill. As a retired corrections staff member, this would be beneficial to the public safety of the community.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 9:02 AM

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Cc: dgoo@djspec.com

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Submitted	d By Org	anization Testifie	r Position Present at Hear	ing
Dan Go	o In	dividual Su	pport No	

Comments: As a retired HPD Law Enforcement officer. I support this bill, they are trained and we need more people who are ready to act to protect our citizens. As a retired HPD officer, we cannot be every where all the time. It takes an average of 5-8 minutes to respond to a scene if you are in town.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

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robert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Barbara Polk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill would apparently exempt corrections officers from registering to carry concealed firearms while off-duty. No reason is given, and I do not see any reason why they cannot register like everyone else if they want to carry a concealed weapon.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 9:35 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carrie Ann Shirota	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Prior to enacting legislation, our lawmakers have a duty to research issues and weigh the benefits and disadvantages of a proposed measure, including the intended and unintended consequences. What is the justification for this bill? What data do you have available to support the passage of this bil? What are the intended consequences? Unintended consequences? Mahalo.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

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Cc: rkailianu57@gmail.com

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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lopresti1 - Randy

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov **Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2017 4:13 PM

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Honolu	lu Hawaii NAACP	NAACP	Oppose	No

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lopresti1 - Randy

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

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Teri Heede	Individual	Oppose	No

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Marci Lopes	Individual	Oppose	No

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Representative Greg Takayama, Chair, Public Safety Committee Representative Matthew LoPresti, Vice Chair, Public Safety Committee

Shawn Colotario, Adult Corrections Officer IV

In Support of HB13, Relating to Corrections Officers; Concealed Weapons; Off Duty

Thursday, February 9, 2017

I support HB13 that will give Adult Corrections Officers the ability to carry a concealed weapon off duty without the need to apply for a permit.

Our Adult Corrections Officers put their lives on the line every day in the name of public safety by keeping the peace, enforcing laws related to corrections, being first responders to emergencies in correctional facilities, including the prevention/apprehension of escapees, and the prevention of dangerous and criminal contraband. In fact, a police officer's contact with a convict is brief compared to the length of time a correctional officer spends with a convict, which is daily and can last for the length of incarceration lasting years. Simply speaking, when correctional officer's clock out at the end of a shift, we are still correctional officers; off duty we are bound by the Standards of Conduct, held to the same standards as our law enforcement counterparts. Our correctional officers should be allowed to protect themselves and their families 24/7 like their law enforcement counterparts. Run-ins with ex-inmates as well as parolees and gang members happen all the time and our correctional officers have no peace of mind when this happens. We cannot ignore the fact that many convicts and ex-convicts illegally carry firearms.

Applying for a concealed carry permit with county police chiefs are fruitless as the police simply don't approve these permits, not even to correctional officers as was told to me by HPD'S firearms division.

State Adult Correctional Officers receive extensive training in the use of firearms and the use of deadly force. They are required to renew that training annually as a condition of employment.

Of all the States and Territories that fall under the Ninth Circuit, Hawaii is the only State that has no provision in the law for ACO'S to carry a firearm off duty, even Guam and the Marianas have provisions in their law for ACO off duty carry.

Federal Correctional Officers in Hawaii can carry a concealed firearm off-duty; they have similar duties and responsibilities as State ACO'S do.

A couple of months ago, two inmates conspired to smuggle in a firearm and ammunition into the Kulani Correctional Facility with the intent to shoot a corrections sergeant because he was enforcing prison rules. This can easily carry over to threat outside of the prison walls. Hawaii is a small place, and the chances of an Adult Corrections Officer running into an ex-con or parolee on the street is high. Every time we go out into the public off duty we have to calculate where we are going, who we are with, and what risks are involved. The quality of life off duty is diminished and takes a toll on family life.

Some officers live in neighborhoods with high criminal activity, this may affect how an officer enforces rules and laws within the prison; they may fear retaliation by the inmates family or fellow gang members. For these reason, I support HB13 and urge you to pass this bill.

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill.

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