

**SB-2858-SD-1**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

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## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan Delacruz, Chair

Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Friday, February 23, 2018

10:00 am

Room 211

## SB 2858 SD1 – PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR REENTRY = SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Delacruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran 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 more than two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of all the people who have died in our facilities including, JESSICA FORTSON, JOEY O'MALLEY, DAISY KASITATI, ASHLEY GREY. and the approximately 5,500 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 1,600 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 Kanaka Maoli, far, far from their ancestral lands.

SB 2858 SD1 requires the Department of Public Safety to establish key performance indicators for inmate reentry system. Requires reports, using key performance indicators, to be provided to the legislature. Creates the annual corrections and program report as a consolidated report of other annual reports. (SD1)

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this measure and any bill or resolution that mandates transparency and open access to data.

The department does file lots of reports every year with the legislature. This great bill consolidates the reports and instead requires reporting on specific programs and that they are gender-responsive, as well as specifics contained in Chapter 353H – Hawai'i's reentry law – The Community Safety Act. This requirement will ensure that the usual "cut and paste" reports will actually be useful documents for policymakers and the public. Open access means that policymakers and the community have quick access to raw data. The only way for a department to improve its services is to track how they are doing.

If the legislature and the community do not have access to data, then we have the current situation – a department that operates in secret with zero accountability. Community Alliance on Prisons urges the committee to support this measure.

*"Integrity is the lifeblood of democracy, Deceit is a poison in its veins."*

*Edward Kennedy*



Committee: Committee on Ways and Means  
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, February 23, 10 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 211  
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i in support of S.B. 2858, S.D. 1,  
Relating to Establishing Key Performance Indicators


Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee members:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i writes in **strong support** of S.B. 2858, S.D. 1, which requires the Department of Public Safety ("**DPS**") to, among other things, develop performance measures to track progress in improving recidivism rates, decreasing prisoner assaults, reducing staff turnover, and improving efficiencies. We support these measures, because clear performance metrics are important not only to public safety but also to transparency, efficiency, and accountability.

S.B. 2858 also requires that DPS develop key performance indicators, including various data points relating to intakes, offender demographics, length of stay, and pretrial detention. Requiring DPS to provide data on these indicators is important because lack of data is one of the barriers to meaningful and evidence-based criminal and correctional reform in Hawai'i. Significantly, the pretrial detention data to be published under this bill will allow DPS, the Legislature, the Judiciary, and the public to better assess Hawaii's pretrial detention system. This in turn is critical to the future of jails in Hawai'i, such as the Oahu Community Correctional Center, which currently holds about 576 pretrial detainees, including 88 **pretrial** detainees who have only been accused of a misdemeanor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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*The mission of the ACLU of Hawai'i is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawai'i fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawai'i is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawai'i has been serving Hawai'i for over 50 years.*

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

**OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES****DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I**

THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Friday, February 23, 2018

10:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Support of SB2858 SD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 2858 SD1, relating to Inmate Rehabilitation; Reentry System; and Performance Indicators.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2858 SD1 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2858 SD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requires the Department of Public Safety to establish key performance indicators for inmate reentry system; requires reports, using key performance indicators, to be provided to the legislature; and creates the annual corrections and program report as a consolidated report of other annual reports.

The DPH Platform states that "[w]e support restorative justice that repairs the harm caused by criminal behaviors and reintegrates the offenders as contributing members of society. Likewise we support opportunities for those who have been incarcerated to effect a smooth transition back into the community and make available health, educational, and other assistance programs needed to allow them to become productive and respected members of the community. We want the practice of private for-profit detention centers and prisons prohibited." (Platform of the DPH, P. 5, Lines 273-278 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2858 SD1 requires the Department of Public Safety to establish key performance indicators for inmate reentry system; requires reports, using key performance indicators, to be provided to the legislature; and creates the annual corrections and program report as a consolidated report of other annual reports, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
E. Ileina Funakoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strong support for SB1258.

Since i'm late in submitting my support. May i humbly ask the committee to approve SB2858 SD1 which is badly needed to help the inmates so they will not fail on their attempt to enter the "outside world."

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Raquel Curtis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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Raelyn Reyno Yeomans	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2858 SD1 (Inmate Rehabilitation; Reentry System; Performance Indicators) as we must have detailed data in order to assess how the system is working and where improvements can be made. This type of data is necessary in order for the public and citizens of Hawaii to have TRANSPARENCY and access to how our taxpayer dollars are being utilized, our people under the care of the state are faring, and how department functions can be improved.

Mahalo-

Raelyn Reyno Yeomans

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Barbara Polk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB2858 that would require the Department of Public Safety to establish and report performance measures for pre-trial detainees, drug addition, mental health and effectiveness of pre-release efforts. This data has not been available to the public, although we pay for DPS operations. It is time for this secrecy to end. This data is needed by DPS itself, to improve its operations, as well as by the legislature and the public.

I urge you to pass SB2858 SD1 as is.