

**HR-32**

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 3:41:15 PM

Testimony for CMV on 3/19/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Albertini	Malu 'Aina	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

Our organization stands in strong support of HR 32 relating to criminal justice. HR 32 urges the establishment of Kapu Aloha Faith Pods (Safe places with no gang connections and a commitment to nonviolence) in Hawaii Correctional institutions. Faith Pods will help inmates, their families, the DPS, and the general public by providing positive purpose, and activity to pa'ahao. This will help lower recidivism with little or no cost. It seems to be in everyone's best interest. In the long-term, we need modern-day Pu'u'honua

(places of healing, not punishment) as real alternatives to prison. In the meantime establishing Kapu Aloha Faith Pods in all correctional centers will be a positive step forward.

Your support will be much appreciated.

Jim Albertini for Malu 'Aina

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Testimony for CMV on 3/19/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Fujiyoshi	Ohana Ho`opakele	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo to Representatives Takumi and Ohno for submitting this resolution!

Ohana Ho`opakele strongly supports this resolution!

Organized in 2000 Ohana Ho`opakele has advocated for healing and rehabilitation of pa`ahao. Faith Pods based on Kapu Aloha will surely assist the disproportionately represented native Hawaiian population heal. It does not cost anything to begin, the Department of Public Safety has already expressed support for this, and our brothers in Saguaro Correctional Center in Eloy, AZ have experienced participating in Faith Pods. Even more important the experience on Mauna Kea has shown that Kapu Aloha has been experienced by more than 10,000 Hawaiians and has shown a miraculously calming and respectful atmosphere even in the midst of arrests.

Faith Pods based on Kapu Aloha in correctional centers in Hawaii will provide a safe space for pa`ahao entering the prison system for the first time, with provide a place where healing can begin at the beginning of carcentration and will introduce Hawaiian pa`ahao to rituals that help to build a positive identity and introduce them to processes that could fully heal them in a pu`uhonua once they complete their incarceration period.

Mahalo for hearing this resolution! Please pass this resolution that would be a huge step in the direction of rehabilitating our pa`ahao!

Thank you for allowing us to testify in this manner!

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 11:00:18 AM

Testimony for CMV on 3/19/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaleihau Kamauu	Ohana Ho`opakele	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou:

My name is Euel Ray Kaleihau Kamauu. I write in strong support of HCR40 and HR32, urging for the implementation of Faith Pods in Hawai`i's prison system, specifically at Halawa Medium Security Facility. I am an ex-pa`ahao (prisoner) having served over 30 years in Hawai`i's prison system. While incarcerated at Watonga Correctional Facility in Oklahoma I had the privilege of being a part of the Faith Pod there. It has strengthened me in ways beyond measure and though I continue in my struggles reintegrating, it is my Faith, strengthened by values and standards gained by my time in the Faith Pod, that keeps me pushing forward in my new life.

I have experienced the changes over the years in the prison system. I have seen it go from an attitude of rehabilitation to one of retribution. The latter is not the answer.

I urge you to support this resolution for the sake of our future generation. Most pa`ahao will be released one day. It is in all of our best interest that they get out better individuals and not incapacitated, angry ex-cons thinking that the world owe them. Faith Pods will be a great first step in that direction.

Mahalo!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Would be beneficial.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Luella Nohea Crutcher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear members of the CMV committee:

I recommend that HR32: Requesting the department of public safety to allow faith pods based on Kapu Aloha to be established within each correctional center, be adopted.

This is a excellent idea!

A way to support men and women who are incarcerated, to make positive changes in their lives, and hopefully change their habits, that will keep them from getting incarcerated again. In this group, they can be themselves, feel safe enough to express how they feel. Deal with anger issues and receive support. To learn how to live in a more positive way, and also to start looking at life in a positive way. The support they receive will give them the strength, through the fellowship, to continue these positive changes throughout their lifetime.

Respectfully,

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

Please support this measure. Connection to cultural identity goes a long way to help people turn their lives around.

mahalo,

Cory Harden