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H.B. 463, H.D.1
RELATING TO HAWAII STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Senate Committee(s) on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is **opposed** to H.B. 463, H.D.1 that will allow any satellite city hall in any county with a population of more than seven hundred thousand persons to issue Hawaii state identification (ID) cards.

DOT believes this bill is unnecessary, will result in the unnecessary expenditure of DOT funds and will cause longer lines at Honolulu's Satellite City Halls. Honolulu's Satellite City Halls provide City services which include such services as motor vehicle registration type of transactions, issuance of disability parking placards, registration of bicycles and dogs as well as payment of City bills.

The City and County of Honolulu currently has five (5) driver license offices that issue state identification cards. During the calendar years 2015 and 2016, the City and County of Honolulu issued 13,591 and 17,443 state identification cards respectively. There are nine Satellite City Halls with only Ala Moana Satellite City Hall that is NOT located close to a driver license office and NOT currently offering driver license renewal and duplicate services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Committee: Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Committee on Transportation and Energy
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 16, 2017, 1:30 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 229
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in **Support** of H.B. 463 H.D. 1, Relating to Hawaii State Identification Cards

Dear Chair Nishihara, Chair Inouye and Members of the Committees:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in support of H.B. 463 H.D. 1, which allows certain satellite city hall locations to issue Hawaii state identification cards.

A means of identification plays a huge role for a former inmate’s transition to public life. Having an official government-issued ID increases the likelihood for better job prospects, stable housing, educational opportunities, and other possibilities. Newly hired employees are often required to provide copies of state or federally issued identification. Even when individuals are able to find employment, the lack of identification makes it difficult to cash paychecks or open bank accounts. These barriers increase the likelihood of failure during initial attempts of reentry—which can result in individuals returning to crime as a means of survival. According to a study from the Legal Action Center¹ the first few weeks after discharge are extremely critical to successful reentry and preventing recidivism. Thus, it is imperative to make this transition as smooth as possible by allowing more expedient and convenient opportunities to obtain state identification.

For these reasons, the ACLU of Hawai’i urges the Committee to support H.B. 463 H.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandy Finlay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mandy Finlay
Advocacy Coordinator
ACLU of Hawaii

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and

¹ Legal Action Center, *After Prison: Roadblocks to Reentry; A Report On State Legal Barriers Facing People with Criminal Records*, (published 2004) available at http://lac.org/roadblocks-to-reentry/upload/lacreport/LAC_PrintReport.pdf.

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public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii 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 Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for 50 years.

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SUPPORT - HB 463 HD1 - HAWAII STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Aloha Chairs Nishimoto and Inouye and Members of the Committees!

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 almost 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 1,700 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.

HB 463 allows any satellite city hall in any county with a population of more than seven hundred thousand persons to issue Hawai'i state identification cards. Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this bill. The HD1 just defected the date.

Lack of identification is one of the biggest barriers to reentry for people exiting incarceration. Without it a person cannot open a bank account, cash a check, register to vote, secure a place to live, or even get a library card.

Community Alliance on Prisons thanks the committee for hearing this important bill and urges the committee to support HB 463 with an effective date!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Comments: What a tremendous help it would be to the exiting prisoners in applying for social security, jobs, library cards, etc. It is a fearful feeling to enter society when you don't know where to go and how to get there to obtain these documents. Thank you for helping them reenter society more smoothly. Thank you also for the privilege of providing my comments.

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