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Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Chair

Sen. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

1:20 pm

Room 229

STRONG SUPPORT - SCR 100

TESTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT COLLECTION KITS AND ANNUAL REPORTING

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai 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 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.

SCR 100 urges law enforcement agencies to follow the guidelines developed by the Malama Kakou project for the testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits and requesting an annual report from the department of the attorney general on the testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits in the state.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this measure.

The testing and preservation of evidence is crucial in ensuring that we are protecting the innocent and pursuing the guilty. We were shocked a few sessions ago when we learned that only certain people decide which kits to test. This "discretion" could lead to arbitrary and capricious decisions by these people and that is not justice.

We support the annual reporting to the legislature and hope the Attorney General puts this information on the department website.

We urge the committee to pass this important measure.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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