

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

CUY H. KAULUKUKUI
FIRST DEPUTY

WILLIAM M. TAM
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
FINANCE

Thursday, February 23, 2012
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2848, HOUSE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

House Bill 2848, House Draft 2 proposes to establish a Wellness Center Task Force within the Legislative Reference Bureau to: 1) Develop a plan and make recommendations to move forward with the concept of pu'uhonua, or wellness center, and; 2) Establish a location for the wellness center on lands owned or controlled by the State with preference given to the site formerly used as the Kulani Correctional Facility in east Hawaii. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers comments on the proposal and defers to the Department of Public Safety on the feasibility and details of plans for such a model wellness center.

1. The Department notes that the former Kulani Correctional Facility is surrounded by lands currently in the Natural Areas Reserve System (NARS) and other forestry lands.
2. Approximately 279.76 acres, constituting the footprint of the former Kulani Correctional Facility, is currently being used by the Department of Defense, under a revocable permit, for the Hawaii Youth Challenge Academy (HYCA).
3. The Department enjoys an ongoing and productive association with HYCA and is working together to develop a natural resource management curriculum that may be incorporated into their program.
4. If HYCA elects to relocate their campus to another location, the Department prefers to develop the facilities at Kulani, including the existing structures of the former correctional facility, into a world class environmental, educational, and outdoor recreation center with guest accommodations for overnight or longer stays.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

JODIE F. MAESAKA-HIRATA
DIRECTOR

Martha Torney
Deputy Director
Administration

Joe W. Booker, Jr.
Deputy Director
Corrections

Keith Kamita
Deputy Director
Law Enforcement

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2848 HD2
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

by

Jodie F. Maesaka-Hirata, Director
Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) appreciates the intent of House Bill 2848 HD2. This measure establishes a Wellness Center Task Force which will allow the affected agencies to further study the concept of developing a wellness center by narrowing the potential, viable and ideal location, whether it be at the site formerly used for the Kulani Correctional Facility or another location suited to the goals that will be developed by the Wellness Center Task Force.

PSD is in the process of developing its strategic plan. It is through this process that PSD will develop and address the programmatic needs for Hawaii's offenders, which may include the Pu'uhonua concept. PSD supports this measure as the formation of a Wellness Center Task Force will provide a road map to the successful implementation of the Pu'uhonua concept by networking with subject matter experts in the Department of Human Services, Department of Health, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ON PRISONS

76 North King Street, Honolulu, HI 96817

Phones/E-Mail: (808) 533-3454, (808) 927-1214 / kat.caphi@gmail.com



COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Room 308

STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB 2848 - PU`UHONUA/WELLNESS CENTER

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies for more than a decade. This testimony is respectfully offered, always being mindful that 6,000 Hawai'i individuals are living behind bars, including 1,800 men who are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

HB 2848 HD2 requires the Department of Public Safety to plan for a model wellness center that employs native Hawaiian cultural practices on state land and to submit a report to the legislature prior to the 2013 legislative session.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this bill. The majority of our incarcerated population is Native Hawaiian and establishing a wellness center acknowledges that using traditional practices is a way that will resonate with and restore an individual.

Healing an individual is more effective than punishment and many misinterpret healing as not holding the individual accountable. This is not true. Ho`oponopono (to make right) is based on accepting responsibility and rebuilding and restoring relationships. Using practices that connect individuals to the `aina, their `ohana, and the larger community is vital to what this session of the legislature strives for...strengthening families and reducing recidivism.

`Ohana Ho`opakele, an organization led by kupuna and other concerned community members has been working on pu`uhonua/wellness centers for more than a decade. We applaud their perseverance and their commitment to heal the people and the land. Uncle Joe Tassel has been a champion of this concept for decades and we mahalo him for his commitment to our community. Establishing a task force of agencies and interested community organizations and individuals is the right balance!

The world is watching this bill as evidenced by some of the media hits around the nation and the world and this is not all of them!

MEDIA HITS ON PU`UHONUA BILLS – HB 2848; SB 3016

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/hawaiian-culture-based-wellness-center-proposed-15617990#.Tz7ZRIcS2V1>

Dante K. Carpenter
3054 Ala Poha Place, #401
Honolulu, HI 96818

HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – REGULAR SESSION 2012
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (FIN)
February 23, 2012 - Conference Room 308

HB 2848 HD2 – RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, V. C. Rep. Marilyn B. Lee and Committee Members:

Aloha kakou. My name is Dante Keala Carpenter, Member-Advisor to ‘Ohana Ho’opakele. I speak in support of HB2848 HD2 Relating to the establishment of a wellness center and pu’uhonua at the Kulani Prison Site on the Island County of Hawai’i.

President Sam Kaleleiki (Kupuna Sam) and the ‘Ohana Ho’opakele members, have a continuing and unwavering commitment and dedication to its mission and purpose: to advocate for alternatives to prisons in the form of pu’uhonua for pa’ahao – now, and for over a decade!

Literally pu’uhonua is defined in Pukui & Elbert’s Hawaiian Dictionary (1986) as a “sanctuary, refuge, asylum or place of peace & safety” for pa’ahao – prisoners, convicts and/or inmates. In modern vernacular it can best be defined or classified as a cultural wellness center with all that title entails.

Notwithstanding the vague and evasive testimonies of both DPS and DLNR, ostensibly for the use of facilities for other more puritanical purposes, the much larger portion of natural area comprises more than 5,000 acres that could very easily, in part or total, be used for their stated and/or preferred purposes.

However, the longstanding history at Kulani Honor Camp is testimony to the rehabilitative programming and treatment success previously realized in this location, far removed from major community concentrations in Hawaii County. Further, there is nothing prohibitive about operating in parallel with or adjacent to a mere 200 acres, of the former Kulani Site for a well-structured pu’uhonua or wellness center operation.

To that end, the organization anticipates working with any and all cognizant state department(s) including the Department of Public Safety, DLNR, DHHL, OHA as well as all other restorative justice groups to utilize appropriate facilities as a pu’uhonua or wellness center for substance abuse treatment and intervention programs that take a holistic and cultural approach to help redirect the lives of those affected.

We strongly recommend passage of HB2848 HD2.

E laulima pu kakou! (Let’s all work together.) Mahalo a nui loa.

LORENN WALKER, JD, MPH

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 23, 2012
11:00 a.m.
Room 308

STONG SUPPORT FOR HB 2848 - PU'UHONUA/WELLNESS CENTER

I STRONGLY SUPPORT this measure requiring the department of public safety to plan for a model pu'uhonua or wellness center to apply native Hawaiian cultural practices on state land and to submit a report to the legislature prior to the 2013 legislative session.

I have been developing and researching violence prevention programs for over 15 years using public health approaches, including restorative justice programs in many areas including schools, courts, prisons, and public housing communities. As a health educator, and former deputy attorney general who represented state agencies and employees, who also did criminal prosecutions, and later defended indigent juveniles and adults referred by family court for crimes and child welfare claims, I believe this measure addresses vital healing needs not understood or considered by the department of public safety administration.

Hawaiian wisdom can help our community be more resilient, peaceful, and help the department of public safety learn how to become more effective rehabilitating people. Hawaiian culture is more experienced in assisting people heal who have been harmed by wrongdoing and social marginalization than the department of public safety. It is time that our state government recognized and applied Hawaiian expertise to our daunting corrections problem and our absurdly large expenditure of resources for prisons.

Current criminal justice research, which the U.S. department of justice recognizes, shows that being proactive about how we want people to behave, e.g. desisting from substance abuse & criminal behavior, being healthy & well (what the pu'uhonua is all about), is more effective than continuing to put resources into what we do not want, and reacting to criminal and substance abuse problems.

I have supported the establishment of the pu'uhonua concept since it was introduced about 15 years ago. It is unfortunate that during all these years the concept has been suggested, the department of public safety administration has not worked to collaborate or support this positive effort.

The poor results of the department of public safety's strategies for reentry, rehabilitation and family reunification are overwhelming evidence it is time for a change. It is time to respect and support native Hawaiian wisdom for healing for all our sakes.

Please pass this measure. And please see my website for publications and more information about my background and work www.lorennwalker.com.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 23, 2012; 11:00 AM; Room 308, State Capitol

SUPPORT HB 2848 HD2

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Establishes a Wellness Center Task Force within the Legislative Reference Bureau to move forward with the concept of Pu`uhonua, or Wellness Center, and to establish a location for the Wellness Center on lands owned or controlled by the State with preference given to the site formerly used as the Kulani Correctional Facility in East Hawaii.

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and members of the Committee on Finance! My name is Samuel Kaleleiki, Jr., President of Ohana Hoopakele, an organization dedicated to rescuing our *pa`ahao* or incarcerated brothers and sisters in prison. Our vision is to build a *Pu`uhonua* or a Wellness Center that heals rather than punishes. We have been sending spiritual advisors to lead our *pa`ahao* in the Makahiki ceremonies in the past at Diamondback prison in Watonga, Oklahoma and just last week, at Saguaro prison in Eloy, Arizona and at FCI Safford in Safford, Arizona.

We first want to commend the Representatives who re-introduced this bill to this session of the State legislature. Our members of Ohana Ho`opakele began by opposing the building of new prisons on Hawai`i Island because it was incarcerating mainly Kanaka Maoli. However, we realized that we couldn't just be opposed to something but had to find the solutions. After research on what would heal our Kanaka Maoli, we realized that the solution lay in what the Kanaka Maoli did a long time ago. The model for healing was the *Pu`uhonua* or wellness center where *ho`oponopono* and *aloha aina* were the principal values. Our research led to some funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs which has resulted in a Feasibility Study of a *Pu`uhonua* written by consultant Ms. Chelle Shand Pahinui. We also completed with the help of funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a complete needs assessment complete with a survey conducted among our *pa`ahao*, ex-*pa`ahao*, families of *pa`ahao*, cultural practitioners and the general public. It is time to test this model. It cannot be done without the support of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Hawaii. Even within the State of Hawaii Public Prosecutors office, there has been a long-time task force on restorative justice. A prison system built upon the philosophy of punishment has proved NOT to be a solution.

The premises at Kulani Correctional Facility are almost perfect for a *Pu`uhonua* or a wellness center. There is adequate land there for a model *Pu`uhonua* even while continuing a correctional facility. The infrastructure is more than adequate. The staff has been involved in healing for many years. Notable among this was the program initiated by Warden Peter McDonald modeled after the Life Stand program of Neal Wagatsuma at the Kauai Correctional Center. ACOs like Mr. Ikaika Dombriguez were trained by Kupuna Sam Lono in the cultural and spiritual

practices of the ancient Kanaka Maoli traditions.

There are other lands under the control of the Department of Public Safety that would also make ideal locations for a Pu`uhonua. One site in East Hawai`i is Field 33 which is just above the zoo in Hilo on Stainback Highway.

Our organization has been developing the curriculum for the Pu`uhonua by sending spiritual leaders to lead our pa`ahao in the opening and closing Makahiki ceremonies every year since 2004 at Diamondback Correctional Facility in Watonga, OK and continuing to the present when the men were transferred to Saguaro Correctional Facility in Eloy, AZ. Last week we sent Mr. Kini Kaleilani Burke to lead a Makahiki Closing Ceremony at Saguaro Correctional Facility at Eloy, AZ and for the first time at FCI Safford at Safford, AZ.

If you would take the time to visit our website at www.ohanahoopakele.org, you will see a Kahea (Call) to Support Pu`uhonua as an Alternative to Prison. The Kahea reads, "We support the mission of `Ohana Ho`opakele (To Rescue the Family) in establishing Pu`uhonua (Decentralized Wellness Centers – residential and non-residential) on all islands as an alternative to building more prisons. Pu`uhonua are places open to all, not just Kanaka Maoli, where the traditional ho`oponopono process of making right will be used to help heal individuals, families, and communities. We believe Pu`uhonua centers are for the good of all Hawai`i's people and can provide real hope in saving money, reducing recidivism, crime prevention, and long-term positive change." There are presently 532 people who have signed on to this Kahea. They include Kanaka Maoli leaders, cultural practitioners, university professors, social workers, religious leaders, lawyers, one county councilman and even two pa`ahao leaders in Saguaro Correctional Facility.

With the assistance of Kumu Richard and Lynette Paglinawan Ohana Ho`opakele has continued to conduct ho`oponopono training sessions and have recently met with leadership at Hale Nani Correctional Facility in East Hawai`i to begin the process of conducting ho`oponopono sessions with pa`ahao and family members on a voluntary basis even before their release from incarceration. This is a specific step in working together with the Department of Public Safety to work toward wellness employing Kanaka Maoli cultural practices.

Our Governor has promised to bring back the 1,700 or so pa`ahao from Arizona. This is an opportune time to plan for a model Pu`uhonua that employs Kanaka Maoli cultural practices. The news of a possible Pu`uhonua in Hawaii has been carried widely by the press in the U.S.A. We believe this is happening because people are looking for alternatives to incarceration in prison. This is an opportunity for Hawaii to take the lead in finding a better solution than to building more prisons in Hawaii or to send our pa`ahao to be incarcerated in private prisons based on making a profit.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of our members of Ohana Ho`opakele and on behalf of our *pa`ahao* who have been and are presently incarcerated both here in Hawaii and in Arizona. You can contact me by my cell

at 808-937-7193. I would be glad to fly over to Honolulu to meet the members of your committees to answer questions. Mahalo!

February 22, 2012

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 23, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Room 308

Aloha Representatives Oshiro and Lee:

This testimony is in favor of HB2848, HD1, a measure that would establish wellness centers to aid in the rehabilitation of people involved in the criminal justice system. I am an educator and criminologist at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and have worked in the field of corrections research for nearly a decade. My expertise is in the area of rehabilitation, families of prisoners, and female offenders. A great concern of mine is the disparity in the proportion of Native Hawaiians who are incarcerated in our State. The Pu'uhonua concept is a much-needed innovation that addresses the whole person and is grounded in Native Hawaiian cultural concepts of healing and reconciliation, as well as our current understanding of evidence-based practice.

Criminologists and honest correctional professionals will tell you that prison, as instituted today, does not work. These are criminogenic (crime-causing) institutions that damage already vulnerable people, hurting families and communities along the way. Prisons do not address the root causes of crime: poverty, psychological maladjustment, addiction, and lack of connection to culture and society. In fact, they make all of these conditions worse. The Pu'uhonua, by confronting these factors, will address the underlying causes of criminal behavior in ways that prisons cannot. We need to begin implementing this concept in all of our counties as soon as possible.

I have been acquainted with the group 'Ohana Ho'opakele for many years now and believe that they have developed a powerful initiative that will go a long way toward healing the community, the offender, and the families. This bill also sets up a Task Force that will bring multiple community stakeholders and agencies together. The problem of crime has to be addressed on the community level and this initiative recognizes that fact. Hawai'i is poised on the cutting edge of rehabilitative practices and restorative justice; please pass this bill so that we can move forward in this important area.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Brown, Ph.D.
Chair, Sociology Department
Director, Women's Studies
University of Hawai'i at Hilo
200 W. Kawili St.
Hilo, HI 96785
(808) 933-3184
marilyn@hawaii.edu

FINTestimony

From: Julia Estrella [tristar@hula.net]
ent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 2:17 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: My testimony for HB2848 - Hearing scheduled for morning of Feb. 23

Good morning chair Oshiro, Vice chair Lee and members of the Committee on Finance.
My name is Julia K. Matsui Estrella and I am the director of PACTS (Pacific and Asian American Center for Theologies and Strategies).

I write in strong support of HB2848. I commend 'Ohana Hoopakele for its vision and hard work at the grassroots level to bring to the fore a Wellness Center that heals rather than punishes. This is an exciting concept that will lead the way here and nationally and also in the Pacific region to heal the spirits of indigenous peoples who have experienced loss of land and culture, thus often leading to the 'loss of hope' here in Hawaii.

I feel that Kulani Correctional Facility is the perfect place for a Pu'uohonua and would thus encourage all of you to support a wellness center at Kulani and not delay the dream from being implemented as soon as possible.

With much hope for a Vision becoming Reality in our State of Hawaii and becoming a beacon for the rest of the nation and the rest of the world.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Much aloha,

(Julia K. Matsui Estrella
PACTS

808-941-0317
808-852-1892
631 Hausten Street
Honolulu, HI 96826
tristar@hula.net

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 11:54 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: noelie@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Noelie Rodriguez [Ph. D.]
Organization: Global HOPE
E-mail: noelie@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

Global HOPE [Hawaii Organization for Peace and the Environment] on the Big Island is an organization that seeks to use the University of Hawaii and community talents to bring benefitss to our community. [Our email subscriber list is over 700.] We are totally supportive of the Puuhonua project. This is a project whose time has come.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 1:54 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kaliko@kalikoguys.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kalikolehua V. Kanaele
Organization: Royal Order of Kamehameha I
E-mail: kaliko@kalikoguys.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I am and my Committee for Legislation are writing in support of HB2848. Although Pu`uhonu's were for the protection of the offender from the peoples, not in the prevalent thought and style of protect the peoples from the criminal thus empowering the criminal and disempowering the peoples through fear and control for building more prisons, under private corporations losing money to other States does that makes good sense. We as the Royal Order of Kamehameha I Committee on Legislation supports the use of the Ho'oponopono traditional Manaka Maoli process of making right to help heal individuals, keep our wayward ohana home in Hawaii, save money for our families and our communities. Pu'uhonua will be for the good of all Hawaii's people and can help provide real hope for education of our kane and wahine to become more productive members, have a sense of belonging and finding the ones that need special kokua from the State Programs. We hope to foster cooperative partnership in the endeavors of Ho`opakele and the State. Please vote with confidence for the important effort of Ohana Ho'opakele vote yes support HB2848.

Mahalo Kaloko maika`i

Ali`i Sir Kalikolehua Kanaele K.C.K.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 9:20 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kyle.kajihiro@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kyle Kajihiro
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kyle.kajihiro@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

I am testifying in strong support of HB2848. Too many people are in prison for substance abuse and nonviolent crimes. Establishing pu'uhonua as an alternative to building more prisons, makes good sense. Inspired by the successful restorative justice approaches in New Zealand, the pu'uhonua will employ ho'oponopono, a traditional Kanaka Maoli process of making right to help heal individuals, families and our communities. Pu'uhonua will be for the good of all Hawaii's people and can help provide real hope to save money, reduce recidivism, prevent crime, and create long-term positive personal and social change. Please support this important effort of Ohana Ho'opakele. Mahalo for your support of this important initiative.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 11:43 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: nimo1767@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Petricci
Organization: Individual
E-mail: nimo1767@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

I give testimony today in support of HB2848. Establishing Pu'uhonua (decentralized wellness centers) on all islands as an alternative to building more prisons, makes good sense. The Pu'uhonua will be open to all but use the Ho'oponopono traditional Kanaka Maoli process of making right to help heal individuals, families and our communities. Pu'uhonua will be for the good of all Hawaii's people and can help provide real hope to save money, reduce recidivism, prevent crime, and create long-term positive personal and social change. Please support this important effort.

Robert Petricci
PO box 2011
936-5239

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 11:15 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: john@eco-living.net
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John Schinnerer
Organization: Individual
E-mail: john@eco-living.net
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of HB2848. We need Pu'uhonua in several locations on all islands, in particular instead of building more prisons. Pu'uhonua will use an indigenous, Kanaka Maoli Ho'oponopono process of "making right" to heal individuals, families and communities. Pu'uhonua will be open to all and benefit all Hawaii's people. They can save money, reduce repeat offenses, and create long-term positive personal and social change. Please support this important effort of Ohana Ho'opakele and others concerned with improving our systems of justice and rehabilitation.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 11:01 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: mh@interpac.net
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cory Harden
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mh@interpac.net
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:
Please support healing for native Hawaiians!

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 10:06 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: hidoc444@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Patrick McGivern
Organization: Individual
E-mail: hidoc444@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

I strongly support support HB2848. Establishing Pu'uhonua (decentralized wellness centers) on all islands as an alternative to building more prisons, makes good sense. The Pu'uhonua will be open to all but use the Ho'oponopono traditional Kanaka Maoli process of making right to help heal individuals, families and our communities. Pu'uhonua will be for the good of all Hawaii's people and can help provide real hope to save money, reduce recidivism, prevent crime, and create long-term positive personal and social change. Please support this important effort of Ohana Ho'opakele.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 8:11 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: gzamber@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Comments Only
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Gary Zamber
Organization: Individual
E-mail: gzamber@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

I support the Ho'oponopono process and using this opportunity to making a Po'ohonua. Thank you. GZ

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 7:35 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: rnakooka@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM
Attachments: Pu'uhonua support.wps

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Reynolds Kamakawiwoole
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rnakooka@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 8:24 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: ja@malu-aina.org
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jim Albertini
Organization:
E-mail: ja@malu-aina.org
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

Our organization supports HB2848. Establishing Pu'uhonua (decentralized wellness centers) on all islands as an alternative to building more prisons, makes good sense. The Pu'uhonua will be open to all but use the Ho'oponopono traditional Kanaka Maoli process of making right to help heal individuals, families and our communities. Pu'uhonua will be for the good of all Hawaii's people and can help provide real hope to save money, reduce recidivism, prevent crime, and create long-term positive personal and social change. Please support this important effort of Ohana Ho'opakele.

Mahalo.

Jim Albertini

President, Malu'Aina Center for Non-violent Education & Action www.malu-aina.org

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 9:04 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kappahi@earthlink.net
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Duerr
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kappahi@earthlink.net
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

I support HB2848. Establishing Pu'uhonua is pono. Hawaiian prison population needs better. mahalo, bob duerr

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 3:04 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: rangien2010@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Puanani Rogers
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rangien2010@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

Please vote in strong support this measure. It would be the best and pono thing to do, to malama our people that need this kind of help!
Mahalo a nui,
Puanani Rogers
Kauai

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 2:50 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: ewelsh@metcalfconstruction.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Erin Welsh
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ewelsh@metcalfconstruction.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

Let's have Hawaii lead the way in compassion for people who have lost their way. We can do better, and we should do better. This bill is important to heal offenders, their families and the community. Please pass this bill. Thank you.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 1:26 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: shannonkona@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shannon Rudolph
Organization: Individual
E-mail: shannonkona@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 1:59 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: peacesubhadra@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Diane Corcoran
Organization: Individual
E-mail: peacesubhadra@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 4:44 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: nancyredfeather@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2848 on 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/23/2012 11:00:00 AM HB2848

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nancy Redfeather
Organization: Individual
E-mail: nancyredfeather@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB2848. In 2003, my husband and I attended a meeting with two Hawaiian elders, Auntie Eleanor Ahuna and Auntie Maile Akimseu. This was their vision, to bring incarcerated Hawaiians home from the mainland, to create a refuge for re-assimilation, retraining, forgiveness, reuniting families, and reducing recidivism. They were passionate and compassionate in their fight for the prisoner and the ohana. They believed that prisoners deserved another chance to rehabilitate within their own culture and in the context of lifestyles with which they could relate and possibly even thrive.

Today they are no longer with us, but their vision remains clear and viable. Modes of communication and methods of mediation are honed and in place. A cadre of trained members of the community stand in the ready to implement the plan. The time is now. Seize the moment! Make it happen! Pass HB2848!

As a concerned individual who has been working on public health and social issues in Hawaii for over 30 years, I strongly support HB2848. Those working to develop this model have been diligently working to establish this alternative solution for years. Clearly, the current model of sending persons from Hawai'i to mainland prisons has been expensive and ineffective. In fact, it is detrimental to separate those who have problems from their families and culture. Establishing Pu'uhonua (decentralized wellness centers) on all islands as an alternative to building more prisons is an excellent plan. It is planned that the Pu'uhonua will be open to all but use the Ho'oponopono traditional Kanaka Maoli process of making right to help heal individuals, families and our communities. As its leaders have pointed out, Pu'uhonua will be for the good of all Hawaii's people and can help provide real hope to save money, reduce recidivism, prevent crime, and create long-term positive personal and social change. Please support this important effort of Ohana Ho'opakele.