



## *The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

**Testimony to the  
House Committee on Judiciary**  
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

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State Capitol, Conference Room 325

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 2912, SD2, Relating to the Statewide Integrated Sex Offender Treatment Program.

**Purpose:** Amends chapter 353E, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), to reflect nationally recognized best practices in the statewide, integrated programming for sex offenders, and to identify the coordinating body for the sex offender treatment program as the "sex offender management team." Exempts the statewide integrated sex offender treatment program from the requirements of chapter 92, HRS.

### **Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary supports Senate Bill No. 2912, SD2, which amends chapter 353E, HRS, to reflect nationally recognized best practices in the assessment, evaluation, treatment, and supervision of sex offenders. The amendments also serve to reflect current practices of the coordinating body through a Cooperative Agreement between departments with oversight responsibilities. These practices serve to enhance community safety.

The renaming of this body reflects the full scope of its purpose, beginning with a focus on treatment, and expanding to include the supervision and management of sex offenders by specially trained supervision officers.

The Judiciary has no objection to the deletion of the originally proposed exemption of Chapter 92, HRS.



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Additionally, the Judiciary requests the restoration of the effective date as that being  
“upon approval” as contained in its original version.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2912, SD2.