



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Public Safety**

Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair  
Representative Matthew LoPresti, Vice Chair

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**Bill No. and Title:** House Concurrent Resolution No. 157, Relating to Correctional Justice Task Force; Judiciary; Recidivism; Inmate Population.

**Purpose:** Requesting that the Correctional Justice Task Force continue its study of effective incarceration policies to reduce the inmate population, lower recidivism, and improve Hawaii's correctional system.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary is in strong support of HCR 157 which will allow the Correctional Task Force created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 85, S.D.1 to continue its work in seeking improvements regarding Hawaii's incarceration policies, correctional system, and the design of future correctional facilities.

While the Correctional Justice Task Force is set to dissolve after 2017, as a member of the Correctional Task Force, we have made progress in our efforts in creating a better system, yet we have much work left to do. The Correctional Task Force will need more time to effectively seek viable solutions in recommending an improved correctional system that will benefit all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.