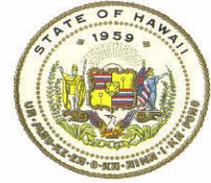




# A Note From the Director's Office



Welcome back to *ACROSS PSD*, the employee newsletter for the Department of Public Safety. Our second edition is marked by the numerous accomplishments in PSD.

We want to thank everyone who sent in stories and articles. Indeed, you have truly helped to make this a newsletter of, by, and for the people of this Department - which is exactly as it should be.

With legislative session in full swing we thought we should update you on all of the bills that are going through the committees. There are a lot of initiatives we are pushing for, all of which we will detail in this newsletter.

Through it all, our success depends on each one of you. Thank you for your commitment to PSD and the clients we serve.

## New Mission Statement Part of Strategic Plan

*To uphold justice and public safety by providing correctional and law enforcement services to Hawaii's communities with professionalism, integrity and fairness.*

In January of this year, the Department embarked on a Strategic Planning process with a group of 17 staff members from various ranks throughout all Divisions, facilitated by former PSD Director Ted Sakai and his associate Craig Chong. This group also identified three core values for the Department which are: Fairness, Integrity and Professionalism. As such, it was decided that PSD's mission statement also needed to be updated. The new mission statement, to the left, is what your peers and colleagues have come up with. The group has now grown to include other members of our PSD Staff and will continue to develop and improve the ways in which we do business.

## Justice Reinvestment Initiative Moves to Legislature

After nearly eight months of working on the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), Governor Neil Abercrombie endorsed the JRI Working Group's policy recommendations to improve the state's criminal justice system. The series of policy recommendations aim to reduce recidivism, ensure accountability for people convicted of crimes and make the criminal justice system more efficient.

"In addition to making improvements at various levels, this comprehensive

plan helps us to reach our goal of bringing home Hawai'i inmates," said Governor Abercrombie. "In the last 10 years, crime, arrests and convictions have all gone down yet the number of people in costly mainland prisons has not declined."

With more than 6,000 people behind bars in Hawai'i, the state's prison system is over capacity and requires anywhere from one quarter to one third of prisoners to be housed in mainland prisons.

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### Special points of interest:

- *Justice Reinvestment Bills/2012 Legislative Updates*
- *APEC Funding Reimbursement*
- *Building Repair Update/Temporary Move Status*

# Justice Reinvestment Initiative Moves to Legislature (cont. pg. 1)

The policy proposals have inter-branch support and draws on exhaustive research of Hawai'i's criminal justice system conducted by the CSG Justice Center, in partnership with the Pew Center on the States and the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance. Governor Abercrombie and legislative leaders established the 24-member JRI Working Group in mid-2011. The JRI Working Group is co-chaired by Senate President Shan Tsutsui, Director of the Department of Public Safety Jodie Maesaka-Hirata, and First Circuit Judge Steven S. Alm.

The comprehensive plan suggests that a portion of state dollars that would have otherwise been spent on mainland prison contracts should instead be reinvested in strategies that the research demonstrates are most likely to make the state safer. The proposed reinvestment consists of \$7 million annually to go toward key unfilled positions, training in best practices, treatment programs in the community and more supervision officers.

The policy proposals address a number of gaps highlighted in the comprehensive analyses, including recommendations to:

*Optimize the pretrial process through more timely assessment of risk for flight and re-offense and earlier determination of suitability for pretrial*



**JRI Working Group meeting to discuss comprehensive plan to improve Hawai'i's justice system.**

*release.* Procedural delays in this process make Hawai'i among the slowest in the nation.

*Base programming requirements on knowledge about what works and focus resources on high-risk offenders.* Before they can be released, many low-risk offenders are being forced to complete programs that are proven to have little impact on their behavior. This clogs the system and delays access to programs for high-risk offenders who would benefit greatly.

*Use swift, certain and proportionate responses to supervision violations.* Parole officers have limited options for responding to violations leaving them

few suitable outlets for minor infractions.

*Mandate supervision for all felons following their prison sentences.* Currently, 41 percent of people who max out their prison sentence are high risk for re-offense and they are almost twice as likely to be re-arrested following release than those on parole.

*Improve accountability and consistency of restitution collection and enhance reentry through victim safety planning.* Court-imposed restitution orders are frequently left unpaid and resources are inadequate for a coordinated safety plan when people are released from prison.

Despite the fact that fewer people are going in to jail and prison, the numbers haven't budged because of a backlog in the jailing process.

Senator Will Espero, chairman of the Public Safety, Military and Intergovernmental Affairs committee expressed his hope for the coming legislative process: "This is an incredible set of policy ideas that will improve our corrections and judicial system. The work done by the Justice Center staff will provide efficiencies and savings for our state."

The full report can be accessed: <http://justicereinvestment.org/states/Hawaii/pubmapsi>

## 2012 Legislative Update-PSD Bills Pushing Through

### PSD Bills To Watch:

**SB2776 SD2/HB2514 HD3-**

Parole

**HB2515 SD1-**Probation

**HB2598 HD1-**Pre-Sentence

Reports

**HB2599 HD1-**Reentry Intake

Service Centers

**HB2600 HD2-**Controlled

Substances

**HB2601 HD3-**Service of

Process

There are several Public Safety bills going through the legislature and they're about to hit the crossover by the end of this week. Here are the bills and how they will impact PSD.

**SB2776 SD2** is a Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) bill that requires a pre-trial risk assessment to be conducted within three working days, expands the membership on the Hawaii Paroling Authority, requires the use of validated risk assessments to guide parole decisions, limits length of re-incarceration for first-time parole violators, increases victim restitution payments by inmates, requires release on supervised parole prior to the maximum sentence date and makes appropriations.

**HB2514 HD3**, a companion to SB2776 SD2, also adds positions in the Department of Public Safety.

**HB2515 SD1**, also a JRI bill, permits a sentence of probation for certain second-time drug offenders and a three-year probation term for individuals convicted of certain class B and C felonies. It also increases the threshold property and services valuation for theft in the second degree to more than \$750.

**A Note of Thanks:** It has taken a lot of hard work to keep HB2514 HD3 and HB2515 SD1 moving. Rep. Henry Aquino is championing this effort from start to finish. He listened to suggested improvements from multiple sources and is working with PSD to keep these bills alive.

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## PSD to Receive APEC Reimbursement, Acknowledged by Sen. Inouye



**Story Contributed by: Shawn Tsuha, State Sheriff**

On February 3, 2012, Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced that Hawaii would receive \$7.48 million from the federal government to help cover some of the costs incurred by hosting the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) conference in November 2011. "The APEC conference was a once in a generation opportunity to showcase Hawaii and I am very proud of the extraordinary effort put forth by the city, the state, and our partners in the federal government. None of

that work would have been possible without the community's commitment to sharing our Aloha spirit with the world. These funds will help the state cover some of the costs of hosting APEC and I would like to thank the administration for recognizing the need and helping Hawaii," said Senator Inouye in a thank you letter.

The Sheriff Division's (SD) cost in overtime for APEC was over \$111,000. But, the real story is the outstanding effort and coordination put forth by Law Enforcement (LE), Internal Affairs (IA), and Corrections (COR) sections of the Department to meet the law enforcement and security needs of

the weeklong event. In reality, the coordination and scope of operations needed to meet those requirements have only been seen once before, during the Asian Development Bank (ADB) meeting held in May of 2001 in Hawaii.

During ADB, and the recent APEC conference, Public Safety personnel met, planned, and operated jointly, to ensure the safety of the public and meeting participants. For APEC, COR personnel stood-up transport teams that worked with HPD and SD to transport and secure arrestees and assist at Kaneohe District Court the venue for all Oahu arraignments. (Cont. on Pg. 4)

# PSD/Weed And Seed Partner for Statewide Reentry Discussions

Weed and Seed of Hawaii and the Department of Public Safety (PSD) together held a community gathering at New Hope Leeward in Waipahu to talk about offender reentry into communities.

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PSD will be going around to various neighborhoods to talk about the social service programs already established in their communities through Weed and Seed Hawaii and other providers. This discussion is part of a larger effort to share PSD experiences and knowledge

of social service programs with communities statewide and empower them to take an active role in helping with the transition for former inmates.

Among the initiatives discussed is a program involving practicum students from the University of Hawaii School of Social Work. The students will assist in creating a directory of resources and programs that already exist in communities for inmates to turn to for help with reentry when they leave incarceration.

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Weed and Seed Hawaii is planning an educational tour of the Waiawa Correctional Facility next.

Operation Weed and Seed is a U.S. Attorney, District of Hawaii initiative made up of residents, law enforcement, social service providers, educators,

area businesses and a variety of other resources with a goal to reduce crime and drugs and to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

## 2-day Training Helps Sex Offender Mgt. Team Better Assess Offender Risk

Photo of: **Dr. Dana Anderson, C. Psych.**  
Ontario Canada

Story submitted by: **Leanne Gillespie, SOMT Coordinator**



As the lead agency of the statewide Sex Offender Management Team (SOMT), the Department has the main responsibility to oversee and carry out the goals and objectives of SOMT. In January, SOMT sponsored a two-day training in evidence-based adult sex offender risk assessment, conducted by international expert, Dr. Dana Anderson. SOMT has sponsored this training every two years since 2005. Fully funded by a federal grant

award, this event trained 37 statewide probation and parole officers and treatment vendors in how to score the STABLE-2007 and ACUTE-2007 actuarial risk assessment tools. By using these tools, statewide personnel who manage adult sex offenders will not only be able to better assess their risk for future offending, but also be able to better target the offender's individual supervision and treatment needs.

## Cloned Breadfruit Trees Thrive Under Successful WCCC Program

Three and a half years ago the Department of Public Safety (PSD) Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) teamed up with the Garden Club of Honolulu and the Breadfruit Institute on an experiment to raise cloned 'ulu (breadfruit) trees. This project assists the Institute in their efforts to provide 'ulu to starving tropical countries. Today, the trees are thriving under the care of the inmates at WCCC.

Dr. Diane Ragone, PhD., director of the Breadfruit Institute, first introduced the women to the project in September of 2008. Today, she returned to WCCC to educate the newer inmates about the benefits of the breadfruit trees and the role they will play in caring for these trees and in creating a



**Dr. Diane Ragone, PhD., Breadfruit Inst. Director, teaches about proper care for the 'Ulu Trees.**

food source.

"The women involved with the project have been passionate and feel personal responsibility for its success," said Dr. Diane Ragone. "The mission was very clear to them and they understand that they could be a part of the solution to hunger in Hawaii".

The pilot project began with the Institute's donation to WCCC of 10 'ulu plants produced using tissue culture methods. This group project was implemented through the Garden Club of Honolulu where the women learned to plant, and most importantly, nurture these trees. In addition, the WCCC incorporates 'ulu in its culinary program. (Cont. on Pg. 4)

## 2012 Legislative Update-PSD Bills Pushing Through (Cont. from Pg. 2)

**HB2598 HD1** is a JRI bill that amends the law as it relates to the disposition of convicted defendants by deleting the Intake Service Center as an agency responsible for preparing the pre-sentence diagnosis and report for defendants and for giving notice of the crime victim compensation act and other restitution procedures.

**HB2599 HD1**, also a JRI bill, amends the law

to define how pretrial assessments are generated and to provide statutory authority to the Department of Public Safety to supervise persons ordered released from custody by the courts.

**HB2600 HD2** updates Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make it consistent with federal laws on controlled substances.

**HB2601 HD3** updates the statutes to authorize persons authorized by the rules of court to serve legal process, except criminal process and execute specified court orders.

All PSD initiatives are progressing and have crossed over.

For a detailed description of PSD's bills you can log onto [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).

## PSD APEC Reimbursement, Acknowledged by Sen. Inouye (Cont. from Pg. 2)

In addition, IA and NED Investigators were standing by to provide LE support and investigative expertise for the Transport Teams and the Waterborne Security operations that occurred off of the Hilton beach in Waikiki.

The SD created multi-functional law enforcement teams that provided for the security of incoming/departing meeting participants; security of various state facilities to include Honolulu International Airport, State Convention Center, Kaneohe

District Court; Crowd Control; a Tactical Response Team; and the Personal Security Details for Senator Inouye; Governor Abercrombie and Lieutenant Governor Schatz. Director Maesaka-Hirata, Deputy Directors Keith Kamita and Joe Booker and myself were all providing direction from the Multi-Agency Communications and Coordination Center (MACC) set-up by the Secret Service. The Department of Public Safety showed the state our commitment to professionalism, and the safety of the public, by an outstanding collaborative effort from every section of this Department.

## AFFES Building Repair Update/Temporary Move Status

Recently the Department of Health and PSD representatives met with the Hawaii Community Development Association (HCDA) and Paramount Builders.

Paramount Builders continue to work on Phase IV (Ala Moana Blvd. side of the AAFES Building) and anticipate finishing this portion of the job in March. Until then, the entrance/exit doors and the stairwell will remain close.

Electrical subcontractor are still working with the manufacturer and their local representative to obtain the necessary electrical equipment and related components. As such, the AAFES shutdown period is pending. HCDA will keep in touch with DOH and PSD representatives on this subject matter.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2012.

## Cloned Breadfruit Trees (Cont. from pg. 3)

“The original 10 trees arrived measuring about 6-inches high,” said WCCC Warden Mark Patterson. “Today, the trees are 7-feet tall and are beginning to bear their first fruit”.

The breadfruit trees grown by the inmates were featured as an educational exhibit at the 2009 Na Pua Al'i Flower Show at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. This exhibit received a prestigious national award from The Garden Club of America.

“According to Breadfruit Institute find-



(Above) WCCC inmates and Honolulu Garden Club Members shovel mulch under 'Ulu trees.



ings, every four seconds someone dies from hunger,” said Jean Abbott, a representative of the Garden Club of Honolulu. “More than 80 percent of the world’s hungry live in tropical and sub-tropical regions like Hawaii.”

If you would like to learn more about the Breadfruit Institute’s program visit their website [www.breadfruit.org](http://www.breadfruit.org).

Dr. Ragone will also be participating in a 'Ulu workshop at the Bishop Museum on March 17.

(left) Two WCCC inmates help to spread mulch under a 3 year-old 'Ulu Tree.

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Mahalo for your kokua in this effort, and mahalo for all your efforts every day on behalf of PSD and the clients we serve!