

LATE TESTIMONY

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HB3426: Relating to Corrections – Rehabilitation

Aloha Chair and members of the committee:

My name is Nancy Naki, I'm here testifying in Full Support of HB:3426 relating to Corrections and Rehabilitation.

As I provided verbal testimony during the hearing, I will summarize my statement, I was in prison in 1976 to 1999. I was able to attend cognitive classes that were mandatory by the Warden of the Women's prison. During this time only a few of us were chosen to attend this class. It is my experience and opinion that every inmate should be required to attend these types of skill building classes especially through a cultural approach. I'm proud to say that I've been out of the prison system for 9 years now and I do utilize the skills that were thought to me in prison through these cognitive classes.

Our community has many needs and challenges. The bill identifies the concerns and solutions in addressing the barriers to assuring we have a healthier community and thereby reducing the need for continued government interventions. More importantly, the bill will allow the inmate a successful way of intergrading back into society.

Thank you for allowing me this time to submit my testimony and request your favor to support this measure. For more information I can be contacted at 808 953-9703.

Mahalo,

