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Subject: HB 358, some thoughts

Aloha from California! As I have been observing Scientology and its front groups since 1999, I would like to toss my two cents in the pot about HB 358.

Rida Cabanilla has stated her intent to model this program after the failed Second Chance program that recently got expelled from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Never mind that the nonsense behind this program has been evaluated and rejected by public schools in California and Hawaii, following a review of the materials used in "drug education" classes presented by Narconon.
(Narconon is the Scientology front group purporting to cure addiction with the same program used by Second Chance.)

Never mind that Second Chance proponents lie when asked about ties to Scientology, or that they inflate their success rate without providing hard data to support it.

If we discard these issues, we are putting inmates at risk. Toxic doses of vitamins and six hour saunas do nothing to cure drug addiction. In fact, many addicts have liver problems which can be exacerbated by the amounts of niacin administered during this program. I can tell you with certainty that my treatment regimen has a 100% success rate in getting people off drugs. The fact that it relies on one lethal dose of cyanide would raise flags, and my program would be rejected.

Niacin is medically proven to cause permanent liver damage in people with compromised liver function. That is a medical fact, just as sure as cyanide kills. This website, from Carnegie Mellon University, outlines the Narconon/Second Chance/Criminon/NY Rescue Workers Detoxification Project's "Purification Rundown."

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~dst/Narconon/detox.htm>

This program is used within Scientology, and is protected as a religious rite. Outside of the self-proclaimed church, it is considered to be practicing medicine without a license. The Purif, as it's called, is used in conjunction with Scientology courses, all of which are available to practicing Scientologists. Promoters have simply put a different spin on it to tailor to state legislators who might be conned into funding it with public money.

Regardless of what promoters say about Second Chance, it IS Scientology. It's not just "based on the teachings of L. Ron Hubbard," the courses and the Purif are Scientology doctrine. Why anyone would take medical advice from a pulp fiction writer/phony war hero/college dropout is beyond me. Perhaps they're too lazy to do research on the man.

Second Chance was evicted from its Albuquerque facility after failing to provide paperwork, lying about its status, and failing to pay thousands of dollars owed to the city of Albuquerque. Second Chance executives misrepresented the program to various counties in New Mexico, violating the agreement that it would only house males with misdemeanor charges who had substance abuse problems. However, they were caught housing violent felons and women in their facility.

http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/politics/politics_krqe_albuquerque_city_pulls_plug_on_second_chance_200812262319

Television station KRQE did a comprehensive series on the program. After losing their lease, Second Chance snuck away one night, taking the facility's stoves and refrigerator with them. (They deny it, but the fact is, the appliances were gone!) They also left a debt estimated between \$10,000 - \$90,000 for rent and utilities, money the city will probably have to sue for.

<http://www.kob.com/article/stories/s761360.shtml>

So, you must ask yourselves, is this program going to be worth the inevitable headaches later on, when people sue the state for health problems caused by the Purif? Or when, again, these hucksters fail to pay their bills?

Second Chance is not only bad science, it is a bad deal for the taxpayers of Hawai'i. I recommend a resounding NO! on HB 358!

Sincerely
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Subject: HB 358, Second Chance/Committee(s) on JGO public decision 04-06-09
10:00 AM in conference room 016 - Nay

Members of the Hawaiian Government, and members of the JGO:

In regard to the decision on HB 358, whereas a decision will be made in regard to the Second Chance program as proposed by the Church of Scientology:

I am a citizen of the United States and a taxpayer from Chicago, Illinois. The reason for my concern, and on behalf of other unknowing citizens and for protection for our great public officials and prisoners entering the penal system. This may sound rather scathing, but you deserve the truth - which does not match the white glove treatment you have received. But someone must support our citizens and protect even those who enter the penal system - especially those whom may be mentally disabled.

This organization uses training methods that induce hypnosis, and conversion by the method of coercive persuasion. Their is no disclosure of this fact. This group has established a political Action Committee, PAC, and has a closing agreement with the IRS that denies contributions in ways that donates in stealthy ways to political officials. This makes the proposition of such programs they sponsor questionable, if not illegal.

Please look on the Internet search engine for the, 'Confusion Technique and Scientology,' along with, 'Dear Alice and Scientology' and hypnosis and Scientology.' They do not list these components as a part of their Second Chance program. Does 'talking to ashtrays' sound like it gives those entering the penal system a 'second chance?'

Please listen carefully. The Second Chance program uses, 'Training routines, (TR's) that their own members experience, including methods that induce interrogation techniques used in the past in - The Schools of America, Abu Gharib, and Guantanamo Bay. I am saddened that little research has been done to see what the citizens of this country have worked hard to bring to our elected officials attention, so that our voice carries in the name of Democracy. Are we not trying to rid America of these programs as a matter of conscience for prisoners, let alone being used on our citizenry? The citizens are not at war with charitable organizations, nor should these programs covertly being used to entice or coerce our elected officials - which should also bring strong warnings to even you, in the methods used to propose this program. We are not at war. We protect and help you, so that you would rid these programs from our system. This program has failed in many states under different names for other reasons, for which I'm sure have been brought to your attention.

Finally, I enclose a letter I read online, from the ACLU to the government of Hawaii officials, encouraging the use of this program, excerpts which have been included herewith, followed by my reason for bringing this to your attention:

Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of H.B. 358. Relating to Dmg Treatment

Dear Chair Espero and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii ("ACLU of Hawaii") writes in strong support of H.B. 358, which authorizes placement of certain offenders in secure drug treatment facilities

The ACLU of Hawaii supports every effort to develop diversion programs and health-based solutions to individuals with drug addictions. In general, these types of programs are far more cost-effective - and far more effective at reducing recidivism - than incarceration and deserve the Legislature's full support.

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 40 years. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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End of Excerpt:

My response:

A representative of our United States addresses a Cmte of Public Safety and 'Military Affairs' about a paramilitary cult. A paramilitary militia, so to speak, that imprisons their own members in RPF labor camps, one that harbors weapons traders, (Artur Solymonyán), and whom uses interrogation tactics like that of Guantanamo Bay. I think political officials and others who back the cult have poor reelection chances, because anyone who cannot read the daily news or research enough to ensure the safety and protection of it's citizens, is letting down the Democracy. The ACLU has a hate elephant in their own living room. They should be given a chance to claim an immunity because of subversive tactics and coercive persuasion. But that military committee should be aware and turn to protect everyone from the use of such tactics - both on public officials and the citizenry.

Please support and protect your prisoners, our citizens and you, our elected officials from the Second Chance program.

Sincerely,

Maureen Drucek

From: Mary McConnell [xscilentologist@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2009 9:27 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: Public Hearing RELATING TO DRUG TREATMENT HB358 HD1

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

Attention:
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair Senator
Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

Re:
NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

HB358 HD1 - RELATING TO DRUG TREATMENT.
Authorizes placement of certain offenders in secure drug treatment facilities.
DATE: Monday, April 6, 2009 TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016, State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

Dear Committee members,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

I am very concerned that HB358 HD1 has not been worded accurately to ensure that a "Secure Drug Treatment Facility" means that it is Hawaii State Health Department licensed in the delivery of alcohol and drug treatment, and that the providers and counselors meet the criteria set by the State of Hawaii licensing of such.

The facilities under this revision must be rooted by ACT §11-98 TITLE 11 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CHAPTER 98 SPECIAL TREATMENT FACILITY alcohol and drug treatment facility & provider minimum criteria.

The proposed "secure drug treatment facility" being touted as a model for this is called "Second Chance Program" but I must tell you that the drug treatment portion of this program (NARCONON) does not meet Hawaii State licensing criteria, nor are their counselors licensed by Hawaii standards.

Aa a matter of fact, there is an existing 'Narconon Hawaii' center in Honolulu which has never been able to provide the consumers or state of Hawaii any drug and alcohol rehabilitation services because their counselors and facility do not meet Hawaii licensing standards.

Hawaii's existing programs Inmate Recidivism Rates are better than that of Second Chance Program. Per the 2008 University of New Mexico Institute For Social Research "Second Chance Center Preliminary Study" prepared for the State of New Mexico and Second Chance Center :

[..]Preliminary Recidivism

In an approximately one year period three students (8.6%) who completed the program picked up new charges (Burglary, DWI 3rd, and Aggravated Assault), 8 students (22.9%) had technical

probation violations, and 24 students (65.7%) did not have a probation violation or new charge.[..]

Preliminary Reporting of Recidivism by Criminal Justice Agency for the State of Hawaii: July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008 shows recidivism rates in Hawaii were no higher than 5%.

Multi-agency efforts were required to achieve this. Why strain all the agencies involved in what is already a challenging exercise in trying to coordinate when there still is no Master Plan in place.(1) Preliminary Reporting of Recidivism by Criminal Justice Agency: July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008 A contracted 'secure drug treatment facility' would require as much if not more controls in place than state run facilities. You cannot leave that up top the contractor, as New Mexico did. What began as a bright and costly idea has now turned out to be a failure. Second Chance was evicted recently from it's rental facility, in part because they allowed violent criminals in desite lease agreement to not treat and house that high a risk category of offender.

(1) The 2008 and 2009 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE BY THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PREPARED BY THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE DIVISION states:

{..} REPORT PURSUANT TO

SECTION 10 OF ACT 161, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2002, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 321-193.5, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES Act 161, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2002, was enacted "to require first time non-violent drug offenders, including probation and parole violators, to be sentenced to undergo and complete drug treatment instead of incarceration."

Section 21 of the Act specifies that:

The Department of Public Safety, Hawaii Paroling Authority, Judiciary, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and any other agencies assigned oversight responsibilities for offender substance abuse treatment by law or administrative order, shall establish a coordinating body through an interagency cooperative agreement to oversee the development and implementation of offender substance abuse treatment programs in the State to ensure compliance with the intent of the master plan developed under Chapter 353G.

Section 10 of Act 161, SLH 2002, specifies that:

The Department of Health shall submit an annual report to the Legislature before the convening of each Regular Session, beginning with the Regular Session of 2004, on the status and progress of the interagency cooperative agreement required under Section 2 of this Act and the effectiveness of the delivery of services thereto, and expenditures made under this Act.

It should be noted that there are caveats to Act 161 SLH 2002, implementation.

There is no mention of a "master plan" in Chapter 353G2 as cited in Section 2 of Act 161, SLH 2002; and no funds were appropriated in Act 161. The interagency initiative to implement offender substance abuse treatment services, however, has been an on-going collaborative activity.[..] http://gen.doh.hawaii.gov/sites/LegRpt/20091/2008_ADAD%20Annual%20Report.pdf

Those "caveats" as mentioned in several annual reports, need to be fixed first by getting a Master Plan and some funding for coordination efforts before expanding the alternative programs Hawaii provides.

Sincerely,
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DATE: Monday, April 6, 2009
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016
For Meeting on House Bill 358

Aloha Mr. Chairman Brian Taniguchi and Senators Dwight Takamine, Robert Bunda, Mike Gabbard, Clarence Nishihara and Sam Slom od the Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee.

I have read testimony provided Senate and House committees provided by Netra Halperin as well as various publications from Rida Cabinilla regarding HB 358. In them, the "Second Chance" program of New Mexico is incorrectly held up as an example of success. Please be advised the "Second Chance" program of New Mexico has been shut down by the state. While it was open, the results it obtained with inmates were terrible.

The program was designed by a science fiction writer. He was not a doctor, although he purchased a doctorate from Sequoia University, a now defunct diploma mill. It's important to keep this in mind while reviewing the shining testimonials and fabulous statistics put out by the Scientology organization's slick PR team about the "Second Chance" Narconon program. Real evidence based and peer reviewed studies find the program to be a dangerous and ineffective. C. Everett Koop, former Surgeon General of the U.S. said, "It's dangerous. I don't think L. Ron Hubbard has credibility in the scientific world. The author's suggestions about detoxification can be detrimental to your health." when asked about Hubbards detoxification process.

Ms. Cabinilla and Halperin mention that it won't cost any extra tax payer money since "creative allocation of funds already appropriated for for drug abuse treatment" would provide the funding. Apparently, the intent is to take money away from existing programs to pay for one that is practically guaranteed to fail.. Any funding diverted to a "Second Chance" program would be wasted.

"Second Chance" is only the latest of the many Narconon prison programs have been failures in every state that has tried them. Please investigate this program thoroughly. I think you will find that the program does not deserve a chance to sap urgently needed funds from the State of Hawai`i.

Mahalo,

Bill Schultz

Testimony on HB358
Committee: JGO
Room: 016
Hearing Date: 4/6/2009 10:00:00 AM

From Anne R. Caspersen.

I wish to affirm that drug treatment programs must be based on scientific and evidence based methods, that any faith based initiatives should be open about the fact that they are faith based, and that covert programs like Narconon/Second Chance which are based on Scientology should not be allowed to operate without clearly informing about the fact that it is run by Scientology and has no scientific basis.

In brief, I allege that

- Second Chance is based on methods which do not work; as shown below the research has been found to not support that the program works.
- Second Chance is a part of the Scientology business conglomerate
- Second Chance recently was evicted from Albuquerque for violating its security obligations and may also owe significant debts.
- Second Chance may put inmates' lives at risk by subjecting them to a non-working program with lax supervision.

A recent eviction.

A "Second Chance" center in Albuquerque was recently evicted for violating its lease by - among other things - housing violent offenders without permission. On March 20th 2009, Albuquerque Journal reported that

"Second Chance owes more than \$600,000 in tax liens, according to records in the Bernalillo County Assessor's Office. About \$400,000 is due to the IRS, and more than \$200,000 to the state.

Second Chance also owes the city of Albuquerque more than \$17,000 in unpaid utility bills and is delinquent on about \$55,000 in unpaid rent, which is due to the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority."

Not supported by Science

Narconon's teachings about the effects of drugs on the body have been debunked by the scientific community. Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said of one version of the program, "My recommendation about detoxification is to keep away from it." The State of Oklahoma found "substantial credible evidence, as found by the Board, that the Narconon Program is unsafe and ineffective." The California Superintendent of Schools told state schools to avoid free Narconon anti-drug programs because their teachings were incorrect and unscientific.

A 2008 study by Norwegian health authorities of the published research about Narconon concluded: "Collectively, one quasiexperimental and five non-experimental studies document lack of evidence of the preventive effects of these programs. Thus, there is currently no reliable evidence for the effectiveness of Narconon as a primary or secondary drug prevention program. This is partly due to the insufficient research evidence about Narconon and partly due to the non-experimental nature of the few studies that exist." The English report, detailing which articles were studied, can be found here: [<http://www.kunnskapscenteret.no/Publikasjoner/3650.cms?onpage=1>]

Part of Scientology

There is strong evidence linking Second Chance with Scientology in matters of finance, practice, and staffing.

I have looked at a brochure from Second Chance previously available on [<http://www.penalrehab.org/brochure/SECCHbrochure.pdf>] and still available from [http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://www.penalrehab.org/brochure/SECCHbrochure.pdf].

The brochure states that the program licenses material and implements "technology" from Narconon, Criminon, Applied Scholastics, and The Way to Happiness. All four have a subchapter in the Scientology's official *What Is Scientology?* publication (Narconon, Criminon, Applied Scholastics, ABLE, Way to Happiness Foundation). Narconon, Criminon, and Applied Scholastics are trademarks of ABLE (the Association for Better Living and Education), which also gets a subchapter in *What Is Scientology?* The Way to Happiness is a trademark of the L. Ron Hubbard Library, an alter ego of the Church of Spiritual Technology. ABLE, Narconon, Criminon, and The Way to Happiness Foundation received tax-exempt status under the secret IRS settlement agreement with Scientology; in that agreement, all four organizations were explicitly named "Scientology-related entities." Licensing materials from these organizations likely involves a transfer of funds to Scientology entities.

The Second Chance brochure lists Therapeutic Training Routines, Ups and Downs in Life Course, Personal Values and Integrity Course, and Conditions in Life Course as components of the program. These are Scientology courses, routinely delivered in Scientology churches.

A Scientology magazine, *Celebrity* (issue 338), states that participants in Second Chance do the Purification Rundown. Purification Rundown is a trademark owned by the Religious Technology Center, a Scientology corporation; it is often the first Scientology service completed by new members. It consists of sauna treatment, exercise, and vitamins, all components described in the Second Chance brochure without using the name Purification Rundown.

A 1999 edition of *Impact*, the official magazine of the International Association of Scientologists (IAS), reveals that Second Chance is a renamed Criminon program, funded by the IAS. It notes that inmates have become Ethics Officers and Case Supervisors, positions that involve administering Scientology practices.

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
Monday, April 6, 2009 at 10:00 am CR – 016
In Support of HB 358– Relating to Drug Treatment

Aloha Chair Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair Dwight Takamine and members of the Judiciary and Government Operations committee.

I am Dr. Inam Rahman, a medical doctor practicing in Hawaii for 15 years.

I support and agree with the intent of HB 358.

The provision of this bill to develop programs and health based solutions to drug abuse offender especially in providing a secured treatment facility is extremely important in the success of rehabilitating repeat drug abuse offenders. In the traditional method, exposure to same vulnerable drug abuse environment while on rehab will make drug rehab patients susceptible to continue their dependency on drugs, but a secured drug treatment facility will create an environment conducive to recovery.

The passage of this bill will not only reduce recidivism and cost in the treatment plan but most importantly will ensure protection of our citizens, our families, our children and the community at large by providing a secured drug treatment facility.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
Monday, April 6, 2009 at 10:00 am CR 016
In Support of HB 358-Relating to Drug Treatment

Aloha Chair Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair Dwight Takamine and members of Public Safety and Military Affairs committee

I, Patrick Koh support HB 358 as it provides for a viable alternative to incarceration for dependents who do not pose a serious threat to society and who are willing to be rehabilitated. Every effort to develop health based solutions in reducing repeat offenders deserves the Legislature's full support. When a drug dependent individual is exposed to the same drug abuse environment during rehabilitation is subjecting them to vulnerability and will deter the recovery resulting in failure of the drug treatment. A secured drug treatment facility will create an environment conducive to recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 358

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In a guest editorial in the Star Bulletin, the bills sponsor, Representative Rida Cabanilla, calls for implementing a secure drug treatment facility modeled after the "Second Chance" program in New Mexico.

The program itself is actually Scientology's Narconon program with a different name. Narconon has earned an extremely dubious reputation and it has been rebranded as "Second Chance".

In her letter to the editor on March 25th, Jeanne Y. Ohta Executive director of The Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii had this to say:
"Normally, we would support a legislator's initiative to propose drug treatment over incarceration. Unfortunately we cannot support Rep. Rida Cabanilla's proposed House Bill 358 (Star-Bulletin, March 20) as it is terribly misguided. She says this bill is based on the "nationally recognized Second Chance program of New Mexico." In fact, this program is based on the principles of Scientology and has not been proven to be effective. The basic principles themselves are controversial and not science-based. If legislators are going to propose treatment programs, it behooves them to do some research and ensure that taxpayer money is used for effective, evidence-based programs. There are many of them.
We agree with Cabanilla that incarceration is expensive, ineffective and leads to high rates of recidivism. We hope she will instead vote for proposals which would add drug treatment beds to our prisons, increase community-based programs for nonviolent drug offenders and establish re-entry programs. One such bill is SB 540 SD2 HD1 which adds beds at Oahu Community Correctional Center for the second part, the re-entry portion of the Residential Drug Abuse Program currently being used in Hawaii facilities."

There are impartial studies that indicate the Narconon program is without merit and may in fact be dangerous to people enrolled in the program. The findings of an in depth study conducted by the State of Oklahoma regarding an effort to obtain a state certification program in Chillico. Certification was denied. Here are a few excerpts:

"Narconon's program lacks sufficient instruction and education in the area of drug and alcohol abuse".

"There is no credible scientific evidence that the Narconon program is effective in the treatment of chemical dependency".

"Large doses of niacin are administered to patients during the Narconon program to rid the body of radiation. There is no credible scientific evidence that niacin in any way gets radiation out of the patient's body. Rather, the more credible medical evidence supports the existence of potential medical risks to persons receiving high doses of niacin."

"There is no credible evidence establishing the safety of the Narconon program to its patients."

"There is no credible evidence establishing the effectiveness of the Narconon program to its patients."

Excerpts from NarcononExposed, an organization dedicated to exposing the truth about the program, include these statements about various elements of the program:

"By far the most contentious element of the Narconon program is the New Life Detoxification Program, Narconon's equivalent of the Scientology Purification Rundown. This uses a combination of exercise (preferably running), lengthy periods in a sauna and massive doses of vitamins and nutritional supplements, notably niacin and oils. This is supposed to drive "stored" drugs out of body fat but there is little convincing evidence that it actually does this, or that it is even possible to do what it is supposed to do. More worryingly, there is strong evidence that all three elements are potentially or actually risky."

"Sauna periods are far beyond what is recommended as safe. Ordinarily, one is strongly advised not to stay in a sauna for longer than about 15-30 minutes. Narconon's clients stay in the sauna for up to five hours at temperatures of up to 80C (170F), ten times longer than the recommended maximum. This poses major risks for health; such a lengthy period of extreme heat can easily lead to hyperthermia, heat exhaustion, salt or potassium depletion, heat stroke and breathing difficulties, which could prove highly dangerous for asthma sufferers. Indeed,

Hubbard's book Clear Body Clear Mind, upon which the programme is based and which the supervisors are required to study, includes a list of actions to be taken in the case of overheating, salt or potassium depletion or heat stroke. Such risks would be far less likely if the use of the sauna was not so excessive. It is for this reason that the Californian government's Department of Industrial Relations has declared the use of the Hubbard method to be "inappropriate" for dealing with occupational asthma."

"Vitamin "bombs" risk poisoning their users. The State of Oklahoma's examiners reported in 1991 that "The use of high amounts of vitamins and minerals in the amounts described administered by Narconon can be potentially dangerous to the patients of Narconon according to the more credible medical evidence ..." Many of the dosages set by Hubbard far exceed the recommended maximum intakes set by the United States Institute of Medicine's Food and Nutrition Board (FNB). Typically, Hubbard's dosages have not been amended for decades, despite the advance of medical and scientific knowledge; the Scientologists are required (by Hubbard's own instructions) not to alter his doctrines, even where they conflict with proven science. The Food and Nutrition Board is responsible for setting recommended dietary allowances (RDAs) and upper limits (ULs), the maximum level of daily nutrient intake that is likely to pose no risk of adverse effects. In almost every single case, Hubbard recommends dosages well above the safe limits, in some cases as much as 142 times more than the toxic level. The side effects of such huge overdoses range from liver damage, hair loss, brain swelling and nausea up to fatal heart and respiratory failure. The following table shows the levels recommended by Hubbard and the FNB, and the proven consequences of dosages beyond the FNB's upper limits."

Communication Drills consist of scientology's TR-Drills called Bull Baiting: Being insulted and humiliated verbally while trying to maintain composure is part of the Scientology Training Routine drills written by founder L Ron Hubbard. This is very different from "sitting in chairs around in a circle". Here is the account of a recent Narconon client.

" I was to sit in a chair while other residents were told to call me names and make fun of me while I sat there and did nothing, which I did. The other residents told me I was "wearing thrift store clothes." And that the only reason I was there was because I was "gay and wanted to hang out in the sauna with a bunch of naked d\$\$ks." They called me names like, "c\$\$k-sucker." Is this what Narconon considers group sessions?"

Unqualified Instructors are used in the programs. As referred to in a New Mexico television news report, "Second Chance" and Narconon rely on the use of recent "graduates" as instructor/counselors with disastrous results. In the New Mexico program, no less than seven of the graduates were later employed by the program only to be re-arrested on various charges.

In Georgia, a client named Patrick W. Desmond with an abuse problem related to soft drugs was introduced to heroin by his recently graduated counselors. He died of a heroin overdose while under their direct care and supervision.

Recent developments in New Mexico have proven the "Second Chance" program to have been ineffective, an abysmal failure and a waste of taxpayer dollars. The program was extremely controversial since it's inception but when it was revealed that serious operating irregularities had occurred, including housing violent criminals, the state cancelled it.

The operators of "Second Chance" stripped the state provided facility of all improvements including state owned property that existed prior to their occupancy and abandoned the property. It has been revealed that they have skipped out on approximately \$672,000.00 in unpaid taxes to the federal and state governments as well as bills to local utilities and vendors.

The University of New Mexico conducted a complete and impartial study of the "Second Chance" program. It found that the program was essentially ineffective and had obtained results that were the same as doing nothing at all!

"students who completed the program were no more likely to have a new arrest or probation violation than a student who resigned from the program or was released".

Last but certainly not least is the fact that the inventor of the program, L Ron Hubbard suffered from substance abuse throughout his life. The coroners report found high doses of hydroxyzine, commonly used to treat symptoms of alcohol withdrawal, in his body even when he died. The program didn't even work for its creator. He had little or no medical training and was a college dropout. He was convicted of fraud for the illegal practice of medicine in France. Sentenced to four years in prison, he fled the country to avoid serving his sentence. L Ron Hubbard has a place on the list of shameful phony war heroes for grossly overstating his accomplishments while an officer in the U.S. Navy.

I agree with many of the stated goals of HB 358 . There are other, much better suited programs that are clinically proven to be safe and can achieve better results than the "Second Chance" program.

As written and with the intended use of a Narconon "Second Chance" model, this bill would not achieve the desired results and it's likely to expose people who need help to a dangerous and ineffective regimen. I urge the Senators to vote "No" on HB 358.

HB358 – support

Netra Halperin, individual

JGO

April 6, 2009

10:00, rm. 016

Aloha Chair Taniguchi and members of the committee,

As a social worker, I have seen first-hand that drug abuse has become epidemic in our state. I therefore feel that we need to consider all options for treatment. Hawaii has a severe lack of in-patient drug treatment facilities. For many drug users, outpatient treatment - such as 12-step programs or psychotherapy - isn't comprehensive enough.

I am aware of a facility in New Mexico, Second Chance Program, which has agreed to take care of Hawaii residents for approximately \$55. /day. This includes room, board and their very successful treatment program. This is less than what it costs to house an inmate at Halawa prison - where there is very little drug treatment.

To put this in context: the United States has the highest per capita of incarcerated citizens; double that of any other country in the world. 60% of the men and 80% of the women are non-violent drug offenders. The State of Hawaii wastes millions of dollars every year on housing and feeding drug addicts in lengthy "correctional" facility stays, instead of directly, efficiently, addressing the core issue: drug addiction. It is common knowledge that illegal drugs are available in prison and that inmates only learn how to commit crime more successfully; hence there is a very high recidivism rate. And private prisons are a multi-billion dollar industry. Of course the judicial system also needs to change sentencing to completely solve this problem.

Secure drug treatment programs are especially designed for *violent* drug offenders. They will keep drug addicts from committing crimes while they are still undergoing treatment. This keeps the rest of society safe.

This bill is not asking for additional funding, only creative allocation of existing funds already appropriated for drug abuse treatment. Again, treating drug addicts in a secure treatment facility, instead of paying for their room and board in prison for many many years, is not only more humane, but it will save Hawaii millions.

Thank you for allowing me testify on this important topic.