

TO: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Senator Espero, Chair
Senator Bunda, Vice Chair
Thursday, March 19, 2009
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Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

LATE TESTIMONY

RE: HB 413 HD1 – Testimony in Support of Residential Drug Abuse Program

FROM: Atty Daphne Barbee-Wooten, 1188 Bishop Street, Suite 1909, Honolulu, Hawaii
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Dear Chair Espero and Vice Chair Bunda, and Members of the Committee:

My name is attorney Daphne Barbee-Wooten. I am an attorney in private practicing law in Hawaii. I support the new amendments to the residential drug reentry program. The reentry program for persons with drug abuse will assist in reducing the amount of inmates in prison and the amount of money it costs to house a person in prison. Effective programs will reduce the prison population and ensure recidivism is minimal. Many person with drug addictions need guidance and treatment, not incarceration and banishment. With proper treatment, drug addicts can become productive citizens. Please pass this bill.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii

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