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**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Sen. Will Espero, Chair  
Sen. Robert Bunda, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 1:40 p.m.

**HCR 187 – Establishing HOPE Parole — STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda and members of your Committees,

I serve on the state's Corrections Population Management Commission as the representative of the Hawaii community. While the Commission has done little lately, it remains my responsibility to speak on matters that relate to its purpose and mandate.

HOPE Probation is a shining star in the state's effort to reduce recidivism and the prison population overall. Its successes are undeniable; its strategy is based on common sense; and its tactics are replicable. Yes, probationers and parolees are different in some respects. What is not different, however, is the need to think and act in different ways during these very different and difficult times.

I strongly urge you to use HOPE Probation as a model for HOPE Parole, addressing the concerns of PSD as you do so.

Thank you very much.

aloha, Peter Gellatly