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**Comments:**

Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee:

I'm very sorry for this very late testimony.

May I just say that I support the transfer of the telephone monies from general fund, but oppose the 4% surcharge since the inmates already pay a 10.7% tax on their commissary purchases.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my comments.



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**TO: The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
The Honorable Ty Cullen, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs**

**FROM: Lucy Feinberg, LSW Maui Regional Director  
Parents And Children Together**

**DATE: February 9, 2012**

**SUBJECT: In Support of HB 2226**

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Good morning Chair Aquino, Vice-Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee and thank you for giving us this opportunity to submit testimony on this important bill. Parents And Children Together (PACT) supports of HB2226. As a provider of victims/survivors services on Maui, it is part of our mandate to advocate for changes in statewide systems that impact on the safety of victims of domestic/intimate partner violence.

This bill amends Chapter 353, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by creating a new part establishing a permanent statewide victim notification system in the Department of Public Safety (PSD), a governance committee to advise PSD on the implementation of the statewide victim notification system, and a special fund to underwrite the cost of the statewide victim notification system.

This bill would help to reduce the fear that DV survivors have when they know that the perpetrator may be released from custody but they don't exactly know when. We have heard this directly from our clients and know it's a big problem and add to the trauma they have already experienced at the hands of the perpetrator. The victim notification system is a valuable tool which survivors of domestic violence, their family members and advocates can use to receive timely information about changes in an offender's custody status and gives them time to work on an updated safety plan.

The money that the State puts toward this system will do much to increase the safety net for victims of domestic violence. It is incorrect to expect the victim to do the research to learn when and who to contact for information.

Finally, the need for this program is even more critical in light of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative's (JRI) proposals to increase supervised release of felons. The victim notification system will work hand-in-hand with other JRI proposals to increase victim and public safety.

Thank you for your consideration.