

Testimony for JUD 2/3/2011 2:00:00 PM HB64

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Testifier position: oppose

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Comments:

I was a literacy volunteer tutor in several Oahu prisons for 14 years. I originally volunteered because I was interested in reducing crime. This bill could be called a crime enhancement measure: I say that because of my long and intimate knowledge of burglars.

I urge you all to vote no on this measure, but I want to warn you that uninformed citizens may consider you 'Soft on Crime.' You should remember this committee vote the next time you are a candidate and be sure to explain that mandatory minimums, besides co-opting one of the most important behaviors for which we choose judges, are very expensive, and not cost-effective. They have no effect on the recidivism rate.