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TO: Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Senator David Ige, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

From: Walter Yoshimitsu, Executive Director

Re: Support for SB 2249 SD1 Relating to Corrections

Honorable Chairs and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, I am Walter Yoshimitsu, <u>representing the Hawaii Catholic Conference</u>. The Hawaii Catholic Conference is the public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, which under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents Roman Catholics in Hawaii.

We strongly support this bill that would allow committed persons to create and place for sale approved products and crafts. The bill also allocates 25% of proceeds to fund rehabilitation programs and 25% to the crime victim compensation special fund. This allocation will go a long way toward helping inmates learn skills that can ultimately help them as they transition back to society.

The church has various ministries that work with inmates in the prison system to help, encourage and welcome them back into society. To be able to do this we attempt to focus on being a resource for inmates and to direct them to people and places that can help them. If the Department of Public Safety has the means to do as the bill requires, we fully support the program.

Thank you for hearing our testimony in support of SB 2249 SD1, and especially for your concern and your support to help our brothers and sisters in the prison system.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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