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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2249, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS

Hearing Date: January 31, 2012 (3:15 p.m.), conference room 2249

Committee: House Committee Human Services, Senator Will Espero, Chair

Honorable Senator Espero and Committee Members:

I represent the Tahirih Association, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 membership organization that empowers girls and women around the world. As founder of this organization I have been privileged to be a volunteer for the ongoing Total Life Recovery Program at the Hawaii Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua.

The participants of the Total Life Recovery Program (a gender specific multi-faith based treatment program) are industrious smart women healing from their past lives that led to their incarceration. They find joy and fulfillment in the various programs offered by the Total Life Recovery Program, among them various community projects that give back to the community at large.

Among them is the Crochet Club that provides hand made items to those in need throughout the year. Whether the women are making baby booties, blankets, and caps for newborns at Castle Hospital and Shriner's Hospital, or hats for the veterans at Tripler Hospital, or lap blankets for the elderly at various hospitals and hospices, they do it with love and excellence. These women gain great self-respect and satisfaction knowing they are helping others – and they do for other reason than to help.

If these woman could sell what they make it would help create self-esteem and dignity while they take the opportunity to be creative and of assistance to others. Being able to sell these goods, and others that are created, would most importantly provide a means of financial support for them since many are impoverished and without support of any kind.

The participants of the Total Life Recovery Program also have a remarkable hydroponic garden that grows vegetables for the prison food supply. They recognize the need for healthy nourishment. If they were able to grow more vegetables and fruit they could actually have a farmers market to benefit at least the employees of the facility, if not the public. There are also impressive watercolor painting classes and many of the paintings created by these women have been exhibited at the Annual Watercolor Society's Exhibition. When the public wanted to buy these works of art they could not. However, by enacting HB 2249 both the artists and the public would benefit. Other prisons in the United States have programs that allow prisoners to sell their crafts, and I urge that Hawaii become one of them.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2249.

Sincerely

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**STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS MEASURE TO ALLOW THE SALE OF CRAFTS PRODUCED
IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

I STRONGLY SUPPORT this measure to allow incarcerated people the opportunity to produce and sell products to the public.

I have visited prisons many prison throughout the world and most allow for the production and sale of products made by people in prison. It gives the incarcerated people the opportunity to see how their hard work is appreciated by others and also helps support programs and people by generating funds.

This is a positive measure that should be passed.

I am a public health educator who has piloted, evaluated and published numerous articles and books, on a variety of justice interventions for increasing law abiding behavior and health for people hurt by crime. Both criminal offenders and victims have benefited from these restorative and solution-focused interventions, which have received praise from some of the world's leading justice innovators including Phil Zimbardo, who conducted the Stanford Prison Experiment and wrote *The Lucifer Effect: How Good People Turn Evil*; Shadd Maruna, of Ireland and author of *Being Good: How Ex-Convicts Reform and Rebuild Their Lives*; and John Braithwaite, Australian professor and author of *Crime, Shame and Reintegration*. I am also a formerly practicing attorney who represented the state as a deputy attorney general where my work included civil defense and criminal fraud prosecution.

Please vote for this measure and allow the production and sale of products made by people incarcerated in Hawai'i state institutions.

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Comments:

I hope you will pass this bill. Providing an outlet for prison inmates for their creativity and energy, however small, will help them with their confidence and help them identify a pleasurable activity which is productive. They can teach their children or perhaps, once they have served their sentence, will find a similar outlet for their vocation.