

LATE TESTIMONY



HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Will Espero, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

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HSAC SUPPORT SB 2250 – CONTINUUM OF INTERMEDIATE SANCTIONS FOR PAROLEES

Good morning Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Distinguished Committee Members. My name is Alan Johnson, Chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, a hui of about 20 treatment and prevention agencies across the State.

SB 2250 allows the Hawai'i paroling authority to use a continuum of administrative sanctions when a parolee violates a term or condition of parole.

HSAC supports best practice research. Extensive research has demonstrated that our prison populations have grown substantially over the 25 years due primarily to mandatory sentencing that removes discretionary decision making from probation/parole who could previously release "reformed" offenders as well as numerous inefficiencies between agencies. Allowing more discretionary decision making with supervision will reduce costs and improve recidivism.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.