

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of SB2776 SD2 HD1.

My name is Wayne Cordeiro, and I am the founder of the New Hope network of churches throughout Hawaii with over 80,000 involved.

Since I was 19 years old, my life has been committed to bettering people, mentoring young leaders, and training them up to help others. I have seen several thousand lives turn around for the good through efficient programs as what this bill could engender.

This can be a successful first step in saving the state millions of dollars (for rehabilitation is always more economic than incarceration), address many of our inefficiencies, and allow us to reinvest the money back into our system. This effort would permit lower risk individuals to enter programs that will not only change their futures but engage our community in helping our own. It could greatly increase our awareness of public safety by engaging our people in the betterment of one another.

Our network of faith-based individuals would be honored to participate in programs of this caliber. I wholeheartedly support this bill.

**LATE TESTIMONY**