

# LATE TESTIMONY

**SB70**

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Testimony for PSM on Jan 29, 2013 14:50PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Sen. Will Espero, Chair  
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair  
Tuesday, January 29, 2013  
2:50 p.m.  
Room 224

**I STRONGLY SUPPORT FOR SB 70 – RESTORATIVE REENTRY CIRCLES**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Richard Miller. I am a retired law professor and former law dean. I have been pleased to know Kat Brady and to become familiar with her work promoting smart justice policies for more than a decade.

I have carefully considered Kat's testimony supporting SB 70. SB 70 appropriates funds to the successful restorative reentry circles process. The restorative reentry circles process has been in some of Hawai'i's prisons since 2005. It is currently operating only at the Women's Community Correctional Center. CAP has been working on restorative reentry circles since its inception. To date, about 90 circles have taken place to date with a 100% satisfaction rate from participants, including inmates *and victims*. Restorative circles are a solution-focused healing process that is voluntary for all participants. Research shows that restorative practices reduce recidivism by at least 27%.

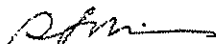
This bill would expand the restorative reentry circles to facilities statewide and would make this restorative justice process an important part of Hawai'i's correctional system.

A program that reduces recidivism by 27% or more deserves the strongest support from all legislatures. It will save the State large amounts of money and will save the perpetrators of crime, their families, *and their victims great and unnecessary grief*.

Kindly support SB 70.

Mahalo nui loa!

Yours truly,



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Comments: Aloha! My name is Lisa (Kalei) Jaramillo. My husband is presently serving his time in Saguaro. I am in strong support of the restorative reentry circles. This is a very positive step! Mahalo!