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I would like my public comment submitted to the Judiciary committees regarding the following HB, SB, SJ as a Proponent for all:

HB68 - Reentry Task Force - This is important bill as it addresses how to help inmates reenter into society before leaving prison. Because we have over 1,000 inmates within the correctional system taking medication for some type of mental illness, I would like to make the suggestion a member of this task force include a person specifically from a mental health field or advocate.

HB70 - Victim Impact Panel a Component of Cognitive Behavioral Programming at the correctional facilities. Need to include in language a person in a mental health organization/advocate/professional to be include on the panel. There are more than 1,000 inmates within correctional system on meds for some type of mental illness.

SB 9 - Establish The Corrections Advisory Council - membership needs to include person from mental health field/mental health advocate. There are more than 1,000 inmates within correctional system on meds for some type of mental illness.

SJ 3- Interim Study of Board of Pardons and Parole - panel needs to include person from mental health field/mental health advocate. Also in the study it needs to be determine if inmates with mental illness or more likely to be decline for parole and why? There are more than 1,000 inmates within correctional system on meds for some type of mental illness.

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