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**Testimony to the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
In Support of HB2472
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Chairman Jennings and Committee Members:

Our associations support HB2472 which would allow persons on diversion with drug addiction issues to participate in SB123 treatment programs. Including persons placed on diversion with drug addiction issues in the drug treatment programs will be an investment in reduced risk of these people reoffending and moving onto the path of the court system and jail or prison.

The record of the SB123 Drug Treatment Program shows substantially positive outcomes. Through the diversion, these offenders are being given an opportunity to avoid a criminal record if they don't reoffend. Those with addictions need help to be successful which will save many of them from further involvement in the criminal justice system.

We recommend favorable action by the committee on HB2472.

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