

## Testimony Regarding HB 2052

Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sally Penna, I reside in Polk County. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you in support of HB 2052.

I have provided ADES (alcohol and drug evaluation specialist) services to marijuana diversion clients and DUII clients for over 30 years in Marion and Polk counties. As an ADES, I receive no public funding of any kind.

The ADES' job is to do an initial evaluation/assessment of the client to determine the appropriateness of the client for treatment; to ascertain in collaboration with the client where treatment is to be done; to monitor the client's progress through the treatment program and to keep the court advised of the client's success or failure regarding the treatment obligation. We also transfer clients who for a variety of reasons need to change treatment programs. ADESs do re-referrals on clients who have been referred back to us following a non-compliance review by the Court. We are required to maintain files for seven years. We are required to maintain office facilities which are consistent with administrative rules. Our office overhead costs are substantial. Many ADESs in the private sector combine their ADES work with other types of human services.

It reached a point long ago where virtually every ADES in the state has been subsidizing the marijuana diversion offender in one way or another.

Our fees for ADES marijuana diversion services have not been raised in 23 years. I am hopeful the legislature will see fit to increase our statutory fee to \$275.

It no longer makes any financial sense for me to provide services for marijuana diversion clients if I lose money in the effort. This situation is similar for all ADESs unless they work for public agencies, or are given work spaces by public agencies - in which case the public subsidizes the offender's costs. If the private sector ADES cannot do the job because it is no longer financially feasible to do so, the result will be that our job will be done in the public sector at substantially higher cost to the public as one by one, we close our doors.

I would greatly appreciate your support of HB 2052.

I am happy to answer any questions.

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