

I thank you for hearing my testimony. I believe this SB191 is reasonable and should be passed. The extreme and hardline mandatory sentence of 25 years should only be reserved for the most egregious and violent of crimes. Many cases warrant this and I get that a longer time might be necessary. The hardline of 25 years with no reduced time does nothing to consider those who are not violent or hardened or unable to be rehabilitated. Prison should be used to help restore sensibility and dignity with adding skills to be able to become a contribution to society rather than a danger.

Individual cases need to be considered according to the mental and emotional health of the Adults in Custody.

Reducing time because of evidence that the Adults in Custody have grown emotionally, acknowledges their mistakes and can show by their good behavior that they are capable of changing and being accountable for their actions, is good for society in the cases of restored family ties and the community impact the Persons can have because of new perspective.

Unless the owners of the jail/prison systems are really in it for the money that they receive by maintaining full capacity, then the whole system should be geared for restoring the lives of the offenders who demonstrate they are not a danger to themselves or others.

There are people who receive less time for more violent crimes and I find this terribly unjust.

Please do the right thing and pass this bill.