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Madam Chair and members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to speak before you in reference to HB 2192.

HB 2192 limits or prohibits work release, probation, suspension, reduction of sentence, or parole for people convicted of multiple offenses of domestic battery. The primary focus is on repeat offenders. The current bill allows for work release, probation, suspension or reduction of sentence or parole after the offender has served 48 hours in jail, on any number of offenses. HB 2192 allows for rehabilitation for first time offenders but seeks to stiffen the penalties for repeat offenses by requiring more time to be served in jail.

Proponent testimony speaks to the reality that domestic violence is a problem with repeat offenses. One opponent stated this bill takes away important discretion from district court judges, which is part of the problem. Family violence, severe injury, and even death have occurred after a repeat offenders were released from confinement after 48 hours.

Domestic violence is a real problem, and we must not take it lightly. Please consider making HB 2192 a reality!

Thank you for your time and consideration.