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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, members of the committee,

Thank you, for your attention to LD514. It is my belief that a true detox facility is the most powerful and successful recovery tool for those that want to get clean. A safe, supportive, encouraging, and sympathetic environment where a new life and a greater contribution to society begins.

In my 14 years in public safety, I witnessed and dealt with countless individuals struggling with addiction. There are plenty of those individuals who would go through the motions and say they wanted to be clean and never would. Why? The hurdle of a true Detox! True detox is THE TOOL that gets people that want to be clean, clean!

In this year's budget cycle cost is everything. In this topic we need to look at the long term cost if these facilities do not exist. The court, public safety and potential civilian impacts to drug use are costly. Keeping Detox facilities open is the most cost effective decision! This 5-7 Day program is the real deal.

Law Enforcement supports this! Law Enforcement Officers want their efforts to be productive. So many substance abusers do not get clean because of this detox hurdle. The ability for Law Enforcement to refer to a true detox is lifesaving.

Sincerely,

Steven Bishop, House District 17