



## ASSEMBLY FLOOR ALERT AB 2730 (Villapudua) - Support

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TO: Members of the California State Assembly

### **RE: AB 2730 (Villapudua) – Prison Rehabilitation Programs**

The California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) urges you to vote YES on AB 2730 (Villapudua), regarding prison rehabilitation programs. Programs currently offered by CDCR, often lack clear goals and objectives, and the state does not seem to sufficiently evaluate whether these programs are a success. This only leads to the continuation of nearly every new program, whether it is working or not. The nature of the proposed pilot program in AB 2730 lends itself to be re-evaluated because it's targeted at delivering real change and reduction of recidivism, not just another program for the sake of counting participants.

Existing vocational training programs often have no correlation to the needs of the communities to which inmates will be released. This results in a substantial waste of time and money when, upon release, there are no available employment opportunities. This often leads the formerly incarcerated to turn back to crime when they have no other options.

AB 2730 directly addresses this issue by working with employers to identify needs, training opportunities, and potential positions of employment.

The setting is also an important factor for successful rehabilitation. For those willing to follow the rules and make the appropriate changes and commitments, they need to be separated from the general population. Even with the appropriate motivations and intentions, the pressures found from fellow inmates can be too great to keep to the straight and narrow. Prison politics can often be inescapable when programs and housing are delivered in the same environment as those who have no intention of improving themselves. AB 2730 accomplishes this with a "community campus" setting to facilitate successful rehabilitation.

**For these reasons, and others, we urge you to vote YES  
on AB 2730 (Villapudua).**

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