

SB 177
Support Statement
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Dear Senator Jud:

I am a Clinical Social Worker, who has been working in the Trauma field for 38 years, and specializing in Domestic Violence Treatment for 24 years. I am semi-retired, but still counsel with 10 clients. During my employment with S.A.F.E. House in Henderson, I was keenly aware of services that could not be provided for Victims/Survivors due to lack of funding. The increase of Marriage License fees from \$25 to \$50 dedicated to Domestic Violence Services would greatly increase the capability of S.A.F.E. House and other such agencies to provide the much needed services and supports to these individuals and their children. These additional funds could be used to provide for daily living needs at the Shelter, additional Shelter staff, Advocates, and/or Counseling staff as needed. I appreciate your vote, and those of Senators Ratti, Cannizzaro, and Scheible on this very valuable piece of Legislation.

Sincerely,

Sandra Dieterich-Hughes, LCSW