# HB 1087, HD1

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House Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs Senator Will Espero, Chair Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

> Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 2:55 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) strongly supports House Bill 1087 HD1. This measure simply deletes the Hawaii Criminal Justice Association from the panel to nominate members of the Hawaii Paroling Authority since it has been inactive for a number of years. This measure will make the process and the Hawaii Revised Statutes more accurate.

PSD strongly supports this measure because it will make the process of nominating member for the Hawaii Paroling Authority efficient, as well as correcting an inaccuracy in statute.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) appreciates the legislature's interest in updating Hawaii Revised Statute §353-61 (Hawaii paroling authority; appointment; tenure, qualifications) and fully supports the recommended changes as outlined in House Bill 1087, HD1, which is the companion measure to Senate Bill 1307, SD1.

The HPA believes that the proposed update will provide for a better operation and selection of members of the authority.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide supporting testimony on this measure.