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## TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION (HCR) 173 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO EXPAND COMMUNITY DRUG TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS AND MOVE LOW-RISK OFFENDERS INTO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT DIRECTLY ADDRESS THEIR PATHWAYS TO INCARCERATION

By Ted Sakai, Director Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Public Safety Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair Representative Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 28, 2013, 11:00 a.m. State Capitol, Room 309

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety **supports the intent** of HCR 173 as the services described will significantly decrease the costs of incarceration and the rate of recidivism.

There are many steps involved in developing and implementing plans as described in this Resolution. The Justice Reinvestment Initiative provides a framework for this process, and the Department is committed in moving forward with this initiative. However, we note that some of the issues noted in HCR 173 cannot be resolved without a concerted effort by some of our inter departments, such as the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, and State and County offices that address the homeless situation. We will continue with work with these departments, as well as with private social and health services agencies, to address the complex issues that impact our correctional population.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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