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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1018  
A BILL RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

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LATE TESTIMONY

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports the intent** of Senate Bill (SB) 1018, which proposes to assist inmates scheduled for release in obtaining a form of identification to assist in their transition to the community.

The Committee will be pleased to know that PSD is currently working with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to enter into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate replacement SSN cards for inmates. An MOU with SSA based on RM 10225.125 to 10225.155, would allow PSD to submit a certification statement from an authorized prison official as evidence of an inmate's identity. PSD's goal is to work towards obtaining identification for inmates in anticipation of the forthcoming full implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.