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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 996, SENATE DRAFT 2 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES by Nolan P. Espinda, Director Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Public Safety Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair Representative Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 16, 2017; 10:00 a.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 312

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) strongly **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 996, Senate Draft (SD) 2. This measure would provide PSD the opportunity to improve the pre-employment hiring practices for corrections programs and facilities by applying the same hiring standards utilized by the Department in the hiring of State law enforcement officers. This would include the ability to apply lie detector and psychological tests during the pre-employment screening process.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.