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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2819, SENATE DRAFT 1  
MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

by

Nolan P. Espinda, Director  
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House Committee on Finance  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 3, 2018; 1:30 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **strongly supports** Senate Bill (SB) 2819, Senate Draft (SD) 1, which seeks an emergency appropriation for the current fiscal year to provide additional funds for the PSD 421 - Health Care Division to reimburse the Department of Human Services for increased specialty out-of-facility care and hospitalization of inmates and to cover the increased costs of pharmacy services.

The sum of \$2,690,500 is urgently needed for PSD to meet its payment obligations to the Department of Human Services and its pharmacy services provider through the remainder of fiscal year 2017- 2018.

PSD appreciates the favorable comments of the House Committee on Public Safety and respectfully requests the Committee on Finance amend SB 2819, SD 1 to reinstate the appropriation amount of \$2,690,500 originally proposed in SB 2819.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

**SB-2819-SD-1**

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Comments:

To the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair; the Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on **SB2819 SD1** relating to Emergency Appropriation; and DPS.

The OCC on Legislative Priorities is in favor of **SB2819 SD1** and supports its passage.

**SB2819 SD1** is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the Department of Public Safety to reimburse the Department of Services for specialty out-of-facility care and to pay the increased costs for pharmacy services, effective 7/1/2050.

The DPH Platform states that the "[w]e support restorative justice that repairs the harm caused by criminal behaviors and reintegrates the offenders as contributing members of society. Likewise we support opportunities for those who have been incarcerated to effect a smooth transition back into the community and make available health, educational, and other assistance programs needed to allow them to become productive and respected members of the community." (Platform of the DPH, P. 85, Lines 273-277 (2016)).

Given that **HB1802 HD1 SD1** makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the Department of Public Safety to reimburse the Department of Services for specialty out-of-facility care and to pay the increased costs for pharmacy services, effective 7/1/2050, it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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