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

by
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House Committee on Public Safety Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 15, 2018; 10:30 a.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 312

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, 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 respectfully requests the Committee on Public Safety 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.

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Comments: