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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1038, HOUSE DRAFT 1 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

by Nolan P. Espinda, Director Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Judiciary Representative Chris Lee, Chair Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 13, 2019; 3:00 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the passage of House Bill (HB) 1038, House Draft (HD) 1, which seeks an emergency appropriation for the current fiscal year to allow PSD to continue housing 248 Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) inmates out of state, to allow the HCF Security Electronics and Hardware Repairs and Improvements project (DAGS Job No. 12-27-5644) to go forward to completion. PSD, however, would request that the appropriation amount of \$3,424,057 in general funds be reinstated.

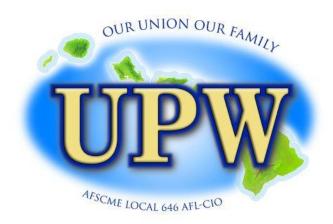
As the Committee is aware, the DAGS project encountered a significant delay, compounded by a further delay, and the project is now projected to be completed by November 2019. Funding of the temporary housing of the 248 inmates was provided through December 2018 only. PSD requires the additional funds of \$3,424,057 for the current fiscal year to house the 248 HCF inmates for another six months through June 30, 2019. The Department will be requesting the

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additional funding needed in FY 2020 for the remaining six months of the project, via a Governor's Message.

PSD has taken note of the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee's cautionary comment urging pursuit of damages in House Standing Committee Report No. 204.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1038, HD1 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members in the private sector.

HB1038, HD1 makes an emergency appropriation to the Department of Public Safety to pay for temporary housing of 248 inmates at a non-state facility for six months of fiscal year 2019. The UPW supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.