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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1038 RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. by Nolan P. Espinda, Director Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, and Military Affairs Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair

> Wednesday, February 6, 2019; 10:00 a.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 430

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the passage of House Bill (HB) 1038, which seeks an emergency appropriation for the current fiscal year to allow PSD to continue housing 248 Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) inmates outof-state, enabling the HCF Security Electronics and Hardware Repairs and Improvements project (DAGS Job No. 12-27-5644) to go forward to completion. HB 1038 requests \$3,424,057 in general funds for PSD 808 – Non-State Facilities. The DAGS project encountered a significant delay and is now projected to be completed by July 2019. Funding of the temporary housing of the 248 inmates was provided through December 2018 only. PSD requires additional funds for the current fiscal year to house the 248 HCF inmates for another six months through June 30, 2019.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.