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# TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1351 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. OPERATING BUDGET.

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 6, 2019; 2:10pm 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) 1351, which appropriates funds for the Department of Public Safety's (PSD) Sheriff Division (PSD 503) and our attached agency, the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (PSD 613).

HB 1351 requests additional funds for FB 2019-21 over the current base budget for PSD 503. However, HB 52, House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget. reflects no base budget appropriation for PSD 503. We request, therefore, that the Committee appropriate the total funding request for PSD 503, Sheriff Division, for FB2019-21, which includes its base budget and the additional funds as follows on Page 2 of this testimony:

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	Fiscal Y	ear	Fiscal Year	
2019-2020		<u>)20</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	
	316.00*	Α	316.00*	Α
	\$21,784,729	Α	\$22,049,427	Α
	\$600,000	Ν	\$600,000	Ν
	80.00	U	80.00*	U
	\$8,012,146	U	\$8,852,030	U

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



## STATE OF HAWAI'I CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION COMMISSION

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## TESTIMONY ON HB 1351 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATING BUDGET

by

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Good afternoon Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary. Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (the "Commission") with the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1351 Relating to the Department of Public Safety Operating Budget. House Bill 1351 provides funding for the operations of the Sherriff's Division and the Commission for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

The Commission was established in 1967 to mitigate the suffering and financial impact experienced by victims of violent crime by providing compensation to pay un-reimbursed crime-related expenses. Many victims of violent crime could not afford to pay their medical bills, receive needed mental health or rehabilitative services, or bury a loved one if compensation were not available from the Commission.

The Commission does not have any new requests for funding and appreciates that its budget request is already covered in House Bill 2, Relating to the State Budget. Thank you for your consideration and for your support of the Commission's work on behalf of Hawai'i's crime victims.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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