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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1264 RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

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Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 1264, 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, enabling the HCF Security Electronics and Hardware Repairs and Improvements project (DAGS Job No. 12-27-5644) to go forward to completion. SB 1264 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.