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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1187, SENATE DRAFT 2  
RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

by  
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House Committee on Corrections, Military, and Veterans  
Representative Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Representative Sonny Ganaden, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 17, 2021; 10:30 a.m.  
Via Videoconference

Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Ganaden, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill (HB) 1187, Senate Draft (SD) 2, which makes an emergency appropriation to PSD to cover the cost of the personnel services shortfall for unfunded adult correctional officers and health care professionals. PSD respectfully requests funding for an emergency appropriation of \$6,006,892 for fiscal year 2020-2021.

PSD requests \$4,806,666 for the payroll shortfall at the following facilities:

Prog ID	ACO	Sum of Amount
	Sum of Perm FTE	
PSD402ED	42.00	1,281,396
PSD403EE	1.00	29,520
PSD404EF	10.00	292,932
PSD405EG	8.00	240,714
PSD406EH	36.00	1,053,924

PSD407EC	53.00	1,620,912
PSD408EI	5.00	144,204
PSD409EK	5.00	143,064
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>4,806,666</b>

PSD operates eight distinct correctional institutions on all islands 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (24/7). This can only be accomplished with sufficient staffing. With the deletion of the salaries of 160.0 Adult Corrections Officers (ACO) that are necessary in providing 24/7 coverage and the essential response to the COVID-19 pandemic response at each of the correctional institutions, we project a shortage in personnel services for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Additionally, we request \$1,200,226 funding for personnel services for health care professionals whose salaries were deleted in fiscal year 2020-2021:

<b>Prog ID PSD 421- Health Care</b>	<b>PSD421HC Sum of Perm FTE</b>	<b>Sum of Amount</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26.50</b>	<b>1,200,226</b>

The Health Care Division is at the forefront of PSD's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The staffing for this program has been critically reduced with the deletion of the base salary for 33.50 positions, of which, 26.50 are health care professionals, including physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, registered nurses, para medical assistants, physical and occupational therapists, and psychiatric social workers. The defunding of the 26.50 positions for fiscal year 2020-2021 resulted in the payroll shortfall. PSD's pandemic response plan requires all health care disciplines to provide health care services, assistance, and monitoring capabilities in-house at all correctional institutions.

Additionally, Section 4 of the SB 1187, SD 1 provides \$502,476 to fund and authorize 9.0 permanent positions for the Intake Service Centers required to

meet the Legislative objectives for the pretrial reform initiative authorized by Act 179, SLH 2019.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.