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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 √ The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker of the House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha President Kouchi and Speaker Nakamura:

In accordance with Section 9, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I recommend the immediate passage of the following bill with proposed amendments inserting emergency appropriation provisions for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation:

House Bill No. 1153, H.D. 1, Relating to Funding Adjustments for State Programs

The requested amendments to this measure are to accommodate the department's request for additional general funds as emergency appropriations for FY 25 for operating shortfalls in the fourth quarter funding for PSD 407 – Oʻahu Community Correctional Center and PSD 405 – Hawaiʻi Community Correctional Center to ensure that sufficient funds are available to cover a payroll shortfall and higher operational costs in the fourth quarter. These additional funds will be offset by commensurate reductions from PSD 409 – Women's Community Correctional Center and PSD 406 – Maui Community Correctional Facility so that the funding adjustments are budget neutral.

I respectfully request your expeditious consideration of this bill, and our proposed amendments thereto. Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

c: Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita