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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2009 RELATING TO CORRECTIONS by Clayton A. Frank, Director Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Finance Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 2:15 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Representative Oshiro, Representative Lee, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety strongly supports House Bill 2009,

requesting the repeal of §353-33 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes regarding the

Correctional Program Revolving Fund.

In a report (No. 07-07) drafted by the State of Hawaii's Legislative Auditor,

dated October 2007, a recommendation for "a legislative reassessment of the

need for, or repeal of, this section" was reiterated. The fund, which was

established to offset the cost of inmate programs through revenues derived from

fees charged to committed or detained persons participating in correctional

programs, was closed in 1996 due to inactivity.

The Department feels that the repeal of §353-33 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is warranted and strongly supports the passage of House Bill 2009.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.