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WRITTEN COMMENTS ON HOUSE BILL 2009, SD1
RELATING TO CORRECTIONS

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Senate Committee Ways and Means
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

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State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Senator Baker, Senator Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (Department) strongly supports House Bill 2009, SD1, 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, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is warranted and strongly supports the passage of House Bill 2009, SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this House Bill.