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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3109 RELATING TO THE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND

By

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Senate Committee on Public Safety Senator Will Espero, Chair

Thursday, January 31, 2008, 2:45 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Senator Espero and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Public Safety strongly supports Senate Bill 3109, 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 believes that the repeal of §353-33, HRS, is warranted and strongly supports the passage of Senate Bill 3109. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.