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WRITTEN COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL 3109 SD 1
RELATING TO THE CORRECTIONAL
PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND

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

Friday, February 22, 2008, 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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

The Department of Public Safety would like to offer comments which strongly supports Senate Bill 3109 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 believes that the repeal of §353-33, HRS, is warranted and strongly supports the passage of Senate Bill 3109 SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments.