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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 45 SD1  
RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

by  
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House Committee on Judiciary  
Representative Tommy Waters, Chair  
Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

Friday, March 28, 2008, 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

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

The Department of Public Safety (Department) strongly supports Senate Bill 45 SD 1. This measure permits an expedited process for reappointing current members of the parole board, thus providing less disruption and loss of continuity for the day to day operations of the parole board. The changes made by this bill would not affect the Governor's authority to appoint a member to the parole board, nor the Legislature's duty to reconfirm the appointees. Since this measure accomplishes the intent of the overall statute, while simultaneously reducing administrative redundancy and cost, the Department strongly supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this Senate Bill.

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Chair Waters, Vice Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) supports Senate Bill 45, SD 1, which clarifies that, for the nomination of paroling authority members, only a nominee's initial appointment is subject to a recommendation by a nomination panel.

This bill, as written, provides clear directives in the appointment process of parole board members and leaves no room for misinterpretation of terms, term limits and status of current incumbents. The expedited process of reappointing current members of the parole board would relieve the Department of convening the interview panel members, interviewing potential candidates, and formulating a list of recommended candidates to the governor. This process would also provide little disruption to the operations of the parole board even when members' terms are expiring. The changes in this bill would not effect the governor's authority to appoint a member nor the legislature's duty to confirm the applicant.

We thank you for this opportunity to testify on this bill and ask for your support in passing this bill.

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