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**Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair
Committee on Finance**

**RE: SB 2534, SD @, HD 1
(HSCR 847-10)**

Good evening Chair Marcus Oshiro and Members of the Finance Committee,

I am writing to offer comments to SB 2534, SD 2, HD 1: The Department of Public Safety (PSD) would require correctional facilities to accept cash bail and bail bonds, when the courts are closed to the discharge of of a prisoner from custody or imprisonment. This procedure would need staff who are bonded, to collect the bail (cash, surety, bail bonds), and the administration would need to grant access to the correctional facilities.

I am recommending that all agencies affected (county, state correctional facilities, and the courts) form a working task force to develop a plan to accomplish the task, and protocols necessary to collet the bail in a cost effective savings process.

**Representative Faye P. Hanohano
Chair, Committee on Public Safety**

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Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Finance Committee

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2534 RELATING TO BAIL

Dear Rep. Oshiro and Members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Mona Wood-Sword, and this testimony is on behalf of my clients, Duane and Beth Chapman. The Chapmans are currently on a national book tour, and are not able to make the hearing this evening.

They support SB 2534 because it will allow their clients to be released on weekends and holidays, which is currently not the case. This bill will save the State money because the State would not have to house these clients for up to 4 days with tax dollars.

There have been numerous cases where individuals have spent a weekend in jail for a minor traffic citation because there is no agency open where they can post a bond.

We urge you to pass SB 2534.

Mahalo nui,

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