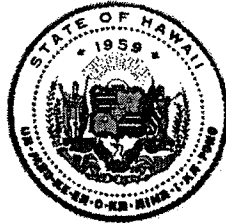


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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1086
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS**

by

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Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 8:30 AM
State Capitol, Room 309

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) strongly supports House Bill 1086 that amends Section 353-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to separate the functions of the Reentry Intake Service Centers into two separate and distinct divisions. The Intake Service Center (ISC) division that works with detainees as they first enter the criminal justice system in the Community Correctional Centers. Pursuant to this statute, the ISC staff provides orientation, guidance, social-medical-psychological diagnostic evaluations, pretrial assessments and correctional prescription program planning for the detainees.

On the other hand, Reentry Services staff works with the sentenced offenders within the correctional facilities after they have been committed and have begun serving their sentences. The Reentry Services staff work to assist the committed offenders prepare for the transition from incarceration back to the

community through programs in the facilities and in the community. The difference between the job tasks and responsibilities of the ISC and Reentry services are significant and it would provide for a much more efficient and better functioning department if these two areas were separate. The ISC is a division by itself, while the Reentry Services shall be placed under the Institutions Division Administrator and will be located within the correctional facilities.

The other function of this measure is to move all the ISC offices into the Community Correctional Centers, thus placing them closer to one aspect of their work, and saving the state the expense of office rent.

In conclusion, PSD strongly supports the passage of House Bill 1086 which would make the operations within the department more effective and efficient. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.