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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1087
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY
by
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House Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 17, 2011, 9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) strongly supports House Bill 1087. This measure simply deletes the Hawaii Criminal Justice Association from the panel to nominate members of the Hawaii Paroling Authority since it has been inactive for a number of years. This measure will make the process and the Hawaii Revised Statutes more accurate.

PSD strongly supports this measure because it will make the process of nominating member for the Hawaii Paroling Authority efficient as well as correcting an inaccuracy in statute.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and we ask that this bill be held.

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HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY
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The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) appreciates the legislature's interest in updating Hawaii Revised Statute §353-61 (Hawaii paroling authority; appointment; tenure, qualifications) and fully supports the recommended changes as outlined in House Bill 1087, which is the companion measure to Senate Bill 1307 currently moving through the Senate.

The HPA believes that the proposed update will provide for a better operation and selection of members of the authority.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide supporting testimony on this measure.