

SB 1307

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

This measure amends section 353-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to delete the Hawaii Criminal Justice Association from the panel to nominate members of the paroling authority since the association no longer exists.

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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1307
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Senator Espero, Senator Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) strongly supports Senate Bill 1307. 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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Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee Members:

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 Senate Bill 1307.

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.