

SB 1357

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Directs the department of public safety and the department of accounting and general services to plan and design the construction and operation of a new minimum security facility at the site of the existing Oahu community correctional facility.

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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1357
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the intent of SB 1357 since the PSD has a well defined need to build correctional facilities and provide for the custodial care and program needs of offenders.

PSD is willing to work with the department of accounting and general services to plan and design a minimum security correctional facility, however PSD presently has various plans and designs already in place.

This measure requires a jail or detention style design that is inconsistent with the custody and security requirements of a minimum security offender. The detention style design dramatically increases building costs that would be unnecessary.

With the strong support of Senate Bill 1358 to re-open the Kulani Correctional Facility, and the intent to expand the Waiawa Correctional Facility and the community

correctional centers community-based programs, it would appear PSD will have adequate bed space for the custodial care and program requirements for the minimum custody offenders.

Therefore, PSD respectfully requests this measure be held.

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