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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2598  
RELATING TO PRE-SENTENCE REPORTS

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 16, 2012, 9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

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

The Department of Public Safety supports House Bill 2598, relating to pre-sentence report, as it will update Section 706-602, Hawaii Revised Statutes to reflect the current practices.

Act 179, Session Laws of Hawaii 1973, amended this section as a result of the Hawaii Correctional Master Plan. Under the Correctional Master Plan, Intake Service Centers (ISC) were to assist with the pre-sentence investigation process; however, the responsibility has been managed by the Judiciary and the Judiciary has staff specifically allocated and trained to perform this task. ISC has not been involved in the pre-sentence investigation and report process for about thirty (30) years. This measure merely codifies the current assignment and duties of the Judiciary. We ask for your support in updating HRS 706-602.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.