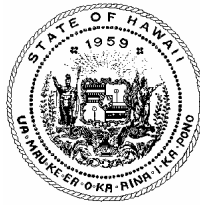


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2396 SD1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY

by

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 29, 2012, 9:15 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) would like to express our appreciation for Senate Bill (SB) 2396 SD1 and its intent to add two additional part-time members of the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) to the existing two part-time members.

The PSD believes that this issue is covered under SB 2776 SD1, which grants the HPA additional part-time members. We would like to respectfully request support for the HPA through SB 2776 SD1, which proposes a five (5)-member parole board comprised of one full-time chair and four (4) part-time board members. This measure provides greater flexibility, while simultaneously allowing for an increased hearing schedules to meet the needs of the HPA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.