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LATE TESTIMONY

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1279, HD 1
RELATING TO
PUBLIC SAFETY

by
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House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

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State Capitol, Room 308

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety **supports** House Bill 1279, HD 1 (HSCR 295), Relating to Public Safety, which is designed to assist the offender population in transitioning to the community in a safe, responsible manner and is receptive to entering into a partnership with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for the purpose of enabling them to achieve self-sufficiency and become positive contributors to their community.

The Department acknowledges the need to form public and private partnerships in addressing the high-risk needs of offenders and will continue to promote the initiatives of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative plan to better prepare incarcerated offenders for successful reentry into the community.

We support this bill so long as it does not impact the Department's established budget priorities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.