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Comments: I apologize for the late testimony as I missed the hearing notice, having been out on sick leave (and being currently out on sick leave). The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB 1572. This bill will help us staff positions necessary to operate the department's drug court and mental health court programs, which were imposed upon the department by the Judiciary. The total appropriation needed for these positions are: Drug Court: 1 Attorney (\$209,527.26) + 1 Law Technician I (\$67,527.80) = \$277,055.06; Mental Health Court: 1 Attorney (\$209,527.26) + 1 Law Technician I (\$67,527.80) = \$277,055.06 Grand Total: \$554,110.12. This amount includes salaries plus fringe benefits. Imposition of these programs impairs the department's abilities to address other programs given the department's current funding sources, and assistance from the Legislature is definitely needed. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this matter. We ask that the committee pass HB 1572.

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