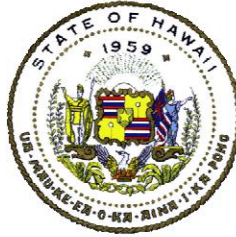


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RELATING TO CORRECTIONS**

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Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
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Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the intent of this bill, but the present collaboration between PSD and the Department of Human Services (DHS) already addresses many of the cost savings processes identified in this bill.

Since 1999, PSD and DHS have developed, regularly updated, and implemented a claims adjudication process utilizing the Medicaid reimbursement fee schedule and its payment detection and overpayment prevention systems to provide accurate, timely payments to all PSD community outpatient and hospital providers.

PSD and DHS are presently working to implement new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services rules, which when implemented later this year, will provide PSD patients access to additional Medicaid eligible services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.