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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1180
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO
EMERGENCY SCHEDULING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

by
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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Friday, February 22, 2013, 11:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 16

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill 1180 which proposes amendments to Section 329-11(e), HRS, Authority to schedule controlled substances to require that the Department add into statute language giving a period of public notice before the emergency scheduling of a controlled substances goes into effect, and to clarify what notice is required, and where the notice would be posted.

In the past, when the Department has emergency scheduled a substance, it has given notice by posting public notice at the State Capitol and in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for public inspection. The Department also posted public notice on its website for public inspection. Senate Bill 1180 amends Section 329-11(e), HRS, to describe what the Department's current practice is relating to posting public notice as well as require that the notice be posted 30 days prior to the effective date of the emergency scheduling to give retailers and distributors ample notice.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.