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COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL 814 RELATING TO STATE LOW-INCOME PUBLIC HOUSING

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

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill 814 which authorizes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to allow law enforcement officers, to include the PSD's Deputy Sheriffs and Narcotics Enforcement Investigators, who would not otherwise be eligible for occupancy in the state low-income public housing projects, to reside in a state low-income public housing dwelling unit for the purpose of increasing security, crime prevention, or crime intervention efforts, or to enforce all applicable laws, regulations, and policies, for residents of a public housing development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.