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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL (HB) 2333, HOUSE DRAFT (HD) 2
RELATING TO THE
STATEWIDE INTEGRATED SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM

by
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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) would like to comment on HB 2333, HD 2. PSD remains **in support** of HB 2333, HD 2, the purpose of which is to amend chapter 353E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to reflect nationally recognized best practices in the statewide, integrated programming for adult sex offenders. The recommended amendments would expand and strengthen the Statewide Integrated Sex Offender Treatment Program by specifically identify the "Sex Offender Management Team" as the coordinating body responsible to oversee the development and implementation of sex offender treatment programs in the State of Hawaii.

We offer the following reasons for our support:

1. The complex nature of crimes of sexual offenses and the extreme emotional

- and physical harm on victims necessitates implementation of a statewide integrated sex offender treatment program, based on nationally recognized best practices to sex offender management;
2. The statewide Master Plan for sex offender management programs requires the amendment to include statewide integrated services for adult sex offenders;
 3. Nationally recognized best practices in sex offender management include additional areas, other than treatment, such as, on-going assessment, evaluation and supervision;
 4. Standards for service delivery assists in ensuring best practices are implemented, and offender rehabilitation and victim safety are paramount;
and
 5. The name of the statewide coordinating body should reflect its scope.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.