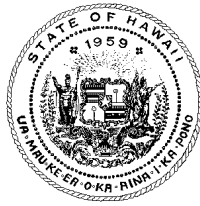


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL (SB) 2884, SENATE DRAFT (SD) 1
A BILL RELATING TO PAROLE

by

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

Thursday, February 13, 2014; 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211



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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** SB 2884, SD 1 Relating to Parole. This bill clarifies the responsibilities and duties of the Hawaii Paroling Authority when granting funds to offenders who are exiting the correctional system, and are being discharged from parole. It is PSD's belief that it is the ex-offender's right to be considered for a pardon after five years under parole supervision. Section 353-72, Hawaii Revised Statutes, ensures that every pardon application would be investigated.

We thank you for this opportunity to testify on this bill.