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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2387
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

By
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House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 11, 2016; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) strongly supports House Bill 2387, which is an Administration Bill. The Bill seeks to include misdemeanor offenses under Chapter 134 (Firearms, Ammunition and Dangerous Weapons) Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to the offenses that disqualify parolees from the provisions of ACT 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012.

The HPA firmly believes that no convicted felon on parole should be in possession of any type of firearm, ammunition and/or any dangerous weapon as outlined in Chapter 134, HRS. Parolees found in violation of Chapter 134, HRS should be disqualified from the maximum six (6) month parole revocation period outlined in ACT 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2387.

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The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill (HB) 2387, which seeks to add misdemeanor offenses under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 134 (Firearms, Ammunition and Dangerous Weapons) to the offenses that disqualify parolees from the provisions of Act 139, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012.

The Department believes that a convicted felon on parole should not be allowed to possess any type of firearm, ammunition, and/or any dangerous weapon as detailed in HRS Chapter 134 and respectfully urges the Committee to pass this common sense measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.