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## TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1268 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

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Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports the intent** of Senate Bill (SB) 1268, which would require the Department of Public Safety to construct a multi-story correctional facility at the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) to replace the existing Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC).

The Department appreciates that there are several similar measures proposing initiatives to replace the overcrowded and outdated OCCC. As stated in our previous testimony on SB 1190, PSD will be better prepared to define and describe the type of prison/jail/combination facility that would best serve our system following the completion of the ongoing systemwide needs assessment being conducted by a consultant.

We would ask that this Committee consider substituting "additional correctional facilities" for "a multi-story correctional facility" in order to provide us with greater latitude in developing this important project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.