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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL (SB) 1335 SENATE DRAFT (SD) 1 A BILL RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair Senator Maile S.L Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

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Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** SB 1335 SD 1, Relating to Law Enforcement. SB 1335 SD 1 would broaden the definition of "in custody" pertaining to sexual assault in the third degree under Hawaii Revised Statutes 707-732. This proposed amendment expands potential situations in which law enforcement officers would be held accountable for their actions. As this committee is aware, PSD has been striving to be in compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and welcome any clarity provided to current law.

We thank you in advance for your support on this bill and the opportunity to testify.