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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
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RE: G.M. 759; Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, Gubernatorial Nominee, DENNIS DUNN, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Wakai and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu (“Department”) submits the following testimony in strong support of G.M. 759.

As Director of the Honolulu Victim Witness Kokua Services (“VWKS”), Mr. Dunn has been a long-time advocate for victims of crime, and his depth and breadth of knowledge pertaining to victim-related matters in Hawaii is unparalleled. Mr. Dunn’s work as the VWKS administrator, and dog handler for the Department’s courthouse dog (Pono), provides a unique combination of practical knowledge regarding the “front lines” of victim advocacy, as well as a broader perspective and understanding of our courts and our criminal justice system. Mr. Dunn is exceptionally familiar with the myriad of issues that will undoubtedly come before the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Adults, and his expertise will be of utmost value to the Council.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu strongly supports the confirmation of Dennis Dunn to the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, pursuant to G.M. 759. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.