



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017**

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ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 653, RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 **TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 325

TESTIFIER(S): Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or
Shaleigh Tice, CPJAD Grants & Planning Branch Chief

Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Executive Budget. The weed and seed strategy allows law enforcement agencies, social service agencies, and community members to work together to develop solutions and address violent and drug related crimes in targeted neighborhoods. We support the funding of this project as a grant-in-aid to Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney and respectfully ask the Committee to pass this bill.