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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2819  
RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

by  
Nolan P. Espinda, Director  
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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Human Services  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 13, 2018; 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chairs Nishihara and Green, Vice Chairs Wakai and Chang, and Members of the  
Committees:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **strongly supports** Senate Bill (SB)  
2819, which seeks an emergency appropriation for the current fiscal year to provide  
additional funds for the PSD 421 - Health Care Division to reimburse the  
Department of Human Services for increased specialty out-of-facility care and  
hospitalization of inmates and to cover the increased costs of pharmacy services.

The requested \$2,690,500 is urgently needed for PSD to meet its payment  
obligations to the Department of Human Services and its pharmacy services  
provider through the remainder of fiscal year 2017- 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.