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

by

Nolan P. Espinda, Director  
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

**LATE**

Friday, February 23, 2018; 10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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

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.