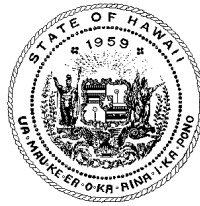


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1264
RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 1264, which seeks an emergency appropriation for the current fiscal year to allow PSD to continue housing 248 Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) inmates out-of-state, enabling the HCF Security Electronics and Hardware Repairs and Improvements project (DAGS Job No. 12-27-5644) to go forward to completion.

SB 1264 requests \$3,424,057 in general funds for PSD 808 – Non-State Facilities. The DAGS project encountered a significant delay and was expected to be completed in July 2019, however that date has been further delayed, and completion is now projected to be in November 2019. Funding of the temporary housing of the 248 inmates was provided through December 2018 only. PSD requires additional funds for the current fiscal year to house the 248 HCF inmates for another six months through June 30, 2019. The Department is submitting a request for the additional funding in FY 2020 for six months via a Governor's Message.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.