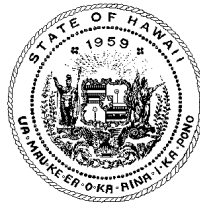


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 595, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

by

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

Thursday, February 21, 2019; 10:00 a.m.  
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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports Senate Bill (SB) 595, Senate Draft (SD) 1. PSD appreciates the appropriation of funding for the increased Medicaid and Pharmacy expenses and requests that this appropriation be designated as recurring for each year of the Fiscal Biennium. The Department also appreciates the appropriation for the continued housing of 248 inmates out of state, but requests that the amount be adjusted to reflect 6 months of FY 2020, from July 1 to December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$4,285,307. In addition, PSD respectfully requests that the additional Deputy Sheriff positions for homeless operations and the permanent positions for the Farm Managers at the Waiawa and Kulani Correctional Facilities reflect the Department's FB 2019-21 submittal for the same line items. The Department notes that the other line items in this measure have already been appropriated through Act 53, SLH 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.