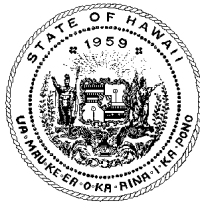


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1177
RELATING TO
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by
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House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair

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Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill 1177, relating to the Reentry Commission, which replaces the Reentry Coordinator with the Director of Public Safety as an ex officio member of the Reentry Commission.

The 2012 amendments to Act 24, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, revised the membership of the Reentry Commission and included as an ex officio nonvoting member the "Reentry Coordinator." Not only is the identified position temporary, it is not endowed with the authority to make commitments for the Department. The Director of Public Safety is the ultimate authority for the Department, and is in the best position to represent it and to make commitments more efficiently moving the work of the Reentry Commission forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.