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LATE TESTIMONY

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1985, Relating to Public Housing

I am Major Kurt Kendro of District 5 (Kalihi) of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department supports the passage of House Bill No. 1985.

The Honolulu Police Department responds to reports of persons in public housing projects who are not residents and are disruptive or present without valid reasons. However, officers are currently not authorized to take enforcement action in public housing common areas, which the courts have deemed to be semi-private. The passage of this bill would make it illegal to enter or remain unlawfully in or upon the premises of any public housing project and allow police to arrest offenders after a reasonable warning or request.


We urge your support in passing House Bill No. 1985.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


KURT KENDRO, Major
District 5

APPROVED:


For: BOISSE P. CORREA
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