

**Office of the Public Defender
State of Hawaii**



Timothy Ho, Chief Deputy Public Defender

**Testimony of the Office of the Public Defender,
State of Hawaii to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

March 17, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

RE: H.B. 3002, H.D. 1: Relating To Prostitution

Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

This measure would make a third or subsequent conviction for soliciting a prostitute a class C felony.

The Office of the Public Defender opposes H.B. 3002, H. D. 1. We believe that treating a third offense as a class C felony is excessive, and a waste of court time and resources. Prostitution cases rarely go to trial, and a vast majority of the "john" cases are pled out at arraignment. If this measure passes, a felony prostitution case would require an establishment of probable cause, either by judicial review (felony information), preliminary hearing or a grand jury hearing. If probable cause is found, then a bench warrant would be issued, and an arraignment and plea hearing held at the circuit court. Subsequent to the arraignment and plea hearing, the case would be assigned to a trial judge, who would schedule a pretrial conference and subsequently a trial status conference. Furthermore, a person charged with the felony offense of prostitution would be entitled to a jury trial.

This measure may also run into equal protection problems, as one group, the "johns" would be singled out for harsher treatment than the prostitutes.

As evidenced by recent events, prostitution is prevalent at all levels of society. This measure will not deter prostitution, but rather force "johns" underground. They most likely turn to the internet, which could result in an increase in electronic enticement of minors cases.

We oppose H.B. 3002, H. D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

testimony

From: Kevin Carney [kcarney@eahhousing.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 7:38 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Kevin Carney
Subject: HB3002 HD1 Hearing March 17, 2008 9:00am Room 016

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Vice Chair Hee: Thank you for this opportunity for EAH Housing to submit testimony in support of HB3002 HD1. EAH is in support of any and all measures that will rid our streets of prostitution.

We are the owner/managers of Kukui Tower, 380 affordable rental apartments located at the corner of Kukui Street and Nuuanu Avenue and a portion of Kukui Gardens, 389 affordable rental apartments adjacent to the intersection of Aala Street and Kukui Street. We represent over 2,000 residents in this area.

Prostitution seems to be a thriving business along Kukui Street because you can see it happening from one end of the street to the other all hours of the day and night. Just yesterday morning at 6:10am there were four (4) prostitutes standing at the intersection of Kukui Street and Pali Highway. I see them there in various numbers many times on my way to work. This is nothing new to those who live and work in the area, it has been going on for years. Prostitution has cost us money - We had to increase the security in our parking garage at Kukui Tower because prostitutes were plying their trade in between parked cars in the garage! Unfortunately, prostitution also brings with it a thriving drug business as well as increased criminal activity of all sorts. The really sad part is that the children of those who live in the area have to witness all this illegal activity on a daily basis as they walk to and from school, go to Zippy's at Vineyard for a snack and shop at the Longs, Safeway shopping center at the Vineyard-Pali Highway corner.

We would appreciate anything that can be done to curtail or eliminate prostitution in the area as we believe any reduction in prostitution will also result in a reduction in criminal activity. Our residents deserve nothing less than any other housing area on Oahu, a quiet, peaceful and safe neighborhood in which to raise their children. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Kevin

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 3002 HD1

Dear Senator Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Last year the Board of the Honolulu Tower Association of Apartment Owners, voted unanimously to support HB 330, H.D. 1 and its concept relating to prostitution. This is a hot button issue in our community. This year's incarnation HB 3002 is important to us. We are a 396 unit residential condominium located at the corner of Maunakea and Beretania Streets. For years, prostitutes have plied their wares 24/7 in our back yard, on Kukui Street, all the way from A'ala Street to the Pali Highway. This has gone on even though the area is in a Weed and Seed Zone and a Prostitution Free Zone. The police are doing what they can, but they need more tools. The community too has been proactive, especially since the murder of a pimp on Nu'uaniu Street, between Beretania and Kukui Streets. Residents hold signs. The Citizens' Patrol walks the area. But it is not enough. We need House Bill 3002. Right now the prostitutes get a slap on the wrist and return to ply their wares. We need increased penalties. We need to get the prostitutes off our streets permanently.

What may appear to the uninformed as several blocks of high rise buildings, is in reality a residential community of 6,000 people (Honolulu Tower, Kukui Tower, Maunakea Tower, and Kukui Plaza), of all income streams, from infants to nonagenarians. Every day our law abiding residents are accosted by prostitutes as they walk to Zippy's, Long's, Safeway, and Central Middle School. Yes, the impressionable Middle School students are also accosted. Couples and men walking their children are accosted. So are dog walkers.

The press routinely reports about the Kukui Street prostitutes. One Thursday evening last April, at 10:30 p.m., the Honolulu Police Department ran a sting operation, In one hour they arrested six johns ranging in age from 23 to 60 years, who live in various parts of O'ahu.

Please help us by supporting H.B. 3002 and passing it now.

Should you have any questions I can be reached at 531-4260.

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2008

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi
Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
415 South Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony for HB3002

Dear Chair Taniguchi,

For many years prostitution and its related criminal activity has posed a threat to families and individuals that live in the Kukui Plaza condominium located at 1255 Nuuanu Avenue. At this point, we are doing all we can, but the scope of the problem is larger than we alone can solve. We need legislators to step in and help make our community safer.

Many of our residents are afraid to walk on our block in the evening for fear of harassment and sexual solicitations from prostitutes walking on our streets. These incidents occur even in front of our residents' children. In July 2006, a related disagreement led to a person being murdered right outside of our facility, outside our residents' homes.

We have implemented numerous security measures to rid our area of prostitutes, including every recommendation made by the Honolulu Police Department. We increased exterior lighting and installed additional security cameras. We conduct special security patrols on an hourly basis to report criminal activity to police, and our residents perform weekly citizens' patrols in an attempt to take back our streets.

Unfortunately, these activities are not enough because when individuals are arrested for dealing in prostitution, the penalties are nothing to them. It's a petty misdemeanor and a small fine. They come right back to our streets.

We need you to pass bill HB3002. This bill would make a third and any subsequent conviction of a person paying for sex a Class C felony. It targets the individuals that bring the prostitutes out in the first place—those willing to pay for sex. Passing HB3002 is one more step to help deter this activity and remind everyone that prostitution is illegal in Hawaii. The police have told us that stiffer penalties are the most effective solution.



Kukui Plaza was built 30 years ago and some of our residents have lived here the entire time. I ask you to imagine that one day your neighborhood is filled with prostitutes on your streets. Then imagine a murder as a result. Would prostitution seem like a victimless crime then?

Please take this issue seriously. I urge you and the fellow judiciary committee members to please pass HB3002 at your committee hearing on Monday, March 17, 2008. Our management and residents have worked well with the Honolulu Police Department, but as we've seen in other tragedies recently in our state, sometimes it is the law that needs to be improved when everyone else is already doing all they can.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Lakey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael D. Lakey
General Manager

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Re: Testimony in Support of HB3002

Dear Senators:

For many years now prostitution has been an ongoing problem for Kukui Plaza and the surrounding community. As if prostitution were not bad enough, the criminal activities it brings with it, such as increased violence and drug trafficking, pose an even greater concern. There is no doubt that prostitution and its related activities have been instrumental in making families throughout the community feel unsafe. We cannot forget that back in July of 2006 there was a shooting death of an individual steps away from our facility.

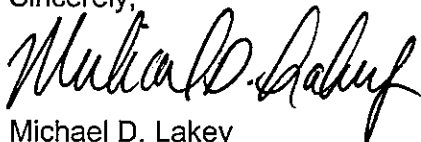
Over the years, Kukui Plaza has been vigilant in trying to combat this problem. The Association has increased exterior lighting and installed additional security cameras. Our security department completes special patrols of Kukui Street to report criminal activity. We also have a group of residents that perform a weekly citizen's patrol. Unfortunately, there is only so much that we as individual citizens can do.

Currently, those caught dealing in prostitution receive a petty misdemeanor along with a small fine. Often, these individuals are right back to performing the same activities within a few days. I have attached a copy of our security log for your review. The log provides a record of several months of phone calls our guards have made to the Honolulu Police Department in relation to prostitution. As you can see on the report, even with the tremendous response we have received from HPD, the problem is not going away. In fact, in February of 2008 we made more calls in relation to prostitution than we ever have.

It has come to my attention that the Committee on Judiciary and Labor will be holding a hearing for HB3002 on Monday, March 17, 2008. This bill would make a third and any subsequent conviction of a person paying for sex a Class C felony. I believe that providing tougher penalties may be the only solution we have left to combat this ongoing problem. In fact, in past meetings held with law enforcement officials they have stated that without having tougher penalties to back up their convictions there is little or nothing they can do towards eliminating or even decreasing prostitution.

I would like to urge you and the fellow judiciary committee members to please pass HB3002. The residents here at Kukui Plaza and throughout the downtown area deserve the same quality of life that those of us living outside the area take for granted. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Lakey
General Manager

SECURITY CONSOLE ACTIVITY REPORT - DH TOWER

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Date	Time	Shift	Officer	Activity	Console
5/15/2007	12:32:42 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
S-3 CONTACTED POLICE OF (3) PROSTITUTES ON FOOT AT NORTH KUKUI STREET. SQUAD CAR SENT.					
5/15/2007	1:50:39 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
D2713 [REDACTED] REPORTED 2 PROSTITUTES AND 2 PIMPS ON THE CORNER OF FORT AND KUKUI STREET, CONSOLE CONTACTED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING ACTIVITY.					
5/22/2007	1:46:00 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
D2713 [REDACTED] REPORTED (4) PROSTITUTES AT KUKUI STREET. S-3 NOTIFIED OPERATOR # 84 OF THE ACTIVITY. SQUAD CAR SENT.					
5/22/2007	2:01:00 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
S-3 WITNESS (2) HONOLULU POLICE SQUAD VEHICLES ON THE CORNER OF KUKUI AND FORT STREET.					
5/24/2007	2:17:43 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
U-8 REPORTED (4) PROSTITUTES ON KUKUI STREET. S-3 CALLED HONOLULU POLICE DISPATCHER #106 REGARDING ACTIVITY. SQUAD CAR SENT.					
5/24/2007	2:26:46 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
U-8 REPORTED HONOLULU POLICE IS ON KUKUI STREET ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM.					
5/29/2007	2:20:00 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
D2713 [REDACTED] REPORTED TO DIAMOND HEAD CONSOLE OPERATOR, PROSTITUTION ACTIVITY IS OCCURRING. A TOTAL OF (6) FEMALES ON KUKUI STREET SIDE. CONSOLE DISPATCH ROVER U-16 TO INVESTIGATE.					

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5/29/2007	2:22:00 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
D714 [REDACTED] CALLED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE PROSTITUTION ACTIVITY.					
5/29/2007	2:39:00 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
D714 [REDACTED] ENROUTE TO MEET WITH HONOLULU POLICE OFFICERS AT THE CORNER OF NORTH KUKUI AND FORT STREET AT THIS TIME.					
6/28/2007	1:32:59 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
U-8 REPORTED A TOTAL OF (4) PROSTITUTIONS ON NORTH KUKUI STREETSIDE CLOSE BY THE DRYGOOD STORE..CONSOLE S-3 NOTIFIED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING ACTIVITY.					
6/28/2007	1:40:00 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
HONOLULU POLICE OFFICER CHANG BADGE # 2003 ON PROPERTY, CLAIMING THE POLICE ARE TRYING THEIR BEST WITH THIS ONGOING PROBLEM, OFFICER CHANG ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE HAS ASKED THE PROSTITUTES TO LEAVE THE AREA.					
7/12/2007	1:12:55 AM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
U-8 REPORTED FEMALE ON PROPERTY BY S-6 STAIRWELL. WAS ESCORTED OFF PROPERTY.					
7/15/2007	2:06:11 AM	3	U8 IOANE, JOHN	PROSTITUTION	DH
HPD ON DHLZ WERE CALLING BY MR. EDGAR OF D714 ABOUT PROSTITUTION MAKING LOUD NOISE ON KUKUI FORT STREET CONER.					
7/22/2007	11:31:48 PM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
U-17 REPORTED FEMALE WITH MALE FOUND BEHIND 2ND FLOOR ELEVATORS, WERE ESCORTED OFF PROPERTY.					
8/22/2007	2:43:00 AM	3	U16 AMPON, RIC	PROSTITUTION	DH
U-16 CALL HONOLULU POLICE FOR PROSTITUTION ACTIVITY ON SOUTH AND NORTH KUKUI STREET, TALKED WITH DISPATCH NUMBER 109.					

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8/25/2007	11:13:45 PM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
S-3 REPORTING ILLEGAL ACTIVITY ON THE CORNER OF KUKUI AND FORT STREET. 1 MALE 1 FEMALE. HPD CONTACTED DISPATCHER #34 CASE #1873.					
9/7/2007	10:13:10 PM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
OWNER PAMELA POE REPORTED TWO FEMALES SOLICITING ON KUKUI STREET. HPD WAS CALLED OPERATOR #83.					
9/7/2007	11:03:03 PM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
CONSOLE HAD CALL BACK FROM HPD DISPATCH INFORMING OF A DELAY ON PREVIOUS CALL..					
9/21/2007	2:50:47 AM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
S-3 CALLED AND REPORTED THREE FEMALES AND 1 MALE LOITERING IN THE AREA OF KUKUI AND FORT STREET. STANDING BY FOR HPD UNIT.					
10/5/2007	9:18:49 PM	2	U5 TIATIA, PESA	PROSTITUTION	DH
S-2 CALL AND REPORT A PROSTITUTE ON KUKUI ST. U-5 CALL HPD...					
10/10/2007	9:15:58 PM	2	U11 LAMBERT, KAOLANA	PROSTITUTION	DH
THERE WAS A LOT OF PROSTITUTION ACTIVITY GOING ON , ON KUKUI STREET AND FORT STREET . S2 WAS AT THE SCENE .U11 CONTACTED 911.					
10/16/2007	4:07:27 AM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
RESIDENT ██████████ D-714 CALLED HPD VIA LINE #7, TO COMPLAIN OF NOISE COMING FROM FORT STREET INDIVIDUALS.					
10/23/2007	4:55:00 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
D714 ██████████ CALLED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT, REGARDING ACTIVITY ON THE CORNER OF SOUTH AND NORTH KUKUI STREET FROM THE COURTESY PHONE LINE.					

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10/26/2007	1:48:48 AM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
CONSOLE CALLED HPD OPERATOR #117, REPORTING FEMALES AND 1 MALE ON THE CORNER OF NUUANU AND KUKUI SOLICITING. (VIA CAMERA #10)					
10/26/2007	11:17:31 PM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
CONSOLE DID VISUAL CHECK OF KUKUI STREET. NO ACTIVITY TO REPORT.					
10/27/2007	11:32:53 PM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
CONSOLE DID VISUAL SCAN OF KUKUI STREET NO ACTIVITY TO REPORT. (RAINING)					
10/30/2007	8:52:10 AM	1	U7 GUARNEROS, JOSE	PROSTITUTION	DH
REPORTED PROSTITUTION TO HPD (GAVE DESCRIPTION OF OFFENDER)					
11/1/2007	3:02:35 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
ACTIVITY ON NORTH KUKUI STREET CLOSE BY LONG DRUGS BACK ENTRANCEWAY CONTACTED HONOLULU POLICE DISPATCHER OPERATOR # 80.					
11/7/2007	1:33:00 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
DIAMOND HEAD TOWER UNIT # 2713 [REDACTED] REPORTED (4) PROSTITUTES BY PEOPLE'S CAFÉ ON PALI . S3 CONTACTED / INFORM HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCHER # 58 REGARDING ACTIVITY.					
11/8/2007	1:36:00 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
S3 CONTACTED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING ACTIVITY. THERE ARE (5) IN FRONT OF PEOPLES CAFÉ AND (2) ON THE CORNER OF PALI AND NORTH KUKUI STREET. DISPATCHER CLAIM HE WILL SEND A LAW OFFICER TO CHECK IT OUT.					
11/8/2007	6:33:53 AM	1	U9 BILL, JIM	PROSTITUTION	DH
TWO PROSTITUTES IN FRONT OF THE MORTUARY THAT IS AT THE CORNER OF NUUANU AND KUKUI STREETS. CONTACTED HPD.					

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11/9/2007	1:50:00 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
D2713: [REDACTED] REPORTED ACTIVITY ON NORTH KUKUI STREET CLOSE BY MILILANI MORTUARY. S3 CONTACTED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT AND INFORMED DISPATCHER # 24 OF ACTIVITY.					
12/13/2007	1:47:00 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
U8 REPORTED ACTIVITY ON NORTH AND SOUTH KUKUI STREET, A TOTAL OF (4) PROSTITUTION CURRENTLY. CONSOLE - S3 CONTACTED HONOLULU POLICE DISPATCHER # 50 REGARDING.					
12/19/2007	7:35:58 PM	2	S2 DOLOR, RICHARD	PROSTITUTION	DH
CONSOLE CALLED POLICE FOR TWO PROSTITUTE AND A PIMP ON THE CORNER OF NUUANU AVE. AND KUKUI ST.					
12/27/2007	1:22:19 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
U8 REPORTED PROSTITUTIONS ON THE CORNER OF NORTH KUKUI AND PALI. S3 NOTIFIED DISPATCHER # 49 OF THE ACTIVITY.					
12/31/2007	8:13:48 PM	2	U9 BILL, JIM	PROSTITUTION	DH
CALLED HPD. THREE PROSTITUTES ON MORTUARY PROPERTY RIGHT AT CORNER OF NUUANU AND KUKUI (BETWEEN NUUANU AND FORT).					
1/10/2008	1:38:50 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
U8 REPORTED ACTIVITY ON NORTH KUKUI AND NUUANU AVENUE. INFORM DISPATCHER # 120 IN REGARDS.					
1/15/2008	3:51:01 AM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
CAMERA 11 SHOWS HPD UNIT STATIONED ON KUKUI ST.					
1/19/2008	11:12:15 PM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
RESIDENT-[REDACTED] D-1907 COMPLAINED OF ACTIVITY ON KUKUI STREET.HPD WAS CALLED OPERATOR REPORTED OFFICER ON SCENE.#118					

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2/15/2008	1:47:35 AM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
RESIDENT COMPLAINT OF NOISE FROM THE KUKUI AND FORT STREET AREA. CALLED HPD TO CHECK ON SUBJECTS IN VEHICLE.					
2/15/2008	2:23:11 AM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
HPD WAS CALLED BY RESIDENT D-714 MR LYLE REPORTING NOISE ACTIVITY ON THE CORNER OF KUKUI AND FORT. HPD UNIT ON THE SCENE AT THIS TIME.					
2/21/2008	12:31:54 AM	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	DH
D714 ██████████ CALLED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT AT DIAMOND HEAD CONSOLE, REGARDING PROSTITUTION'S MAKING LOUD NOISES. CASE 34 AND OPERATOR 26					
2/23/2008	11:08:49 PM	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	DH
U-8 CONTACTED NON-RESIDENT PARKED IN DH LOADING ZONE 2, TALKING TO FEMALES SOLICITING. INDIVIDUAL TOLD TO LEAVE PROPERTY, HE COMPLIED					
2/24/2008	2:03:09 AM	3	U17 DEREAS, MARGUCESS	PROSTITUTION	DH
D714 ██████████ CALL HPD REGARDING PROSTITUTION ON CORNER OF KUKUI AND FORT ST.					
3/1/2008	9:11:58 PM	2	U5 PINCH, JOHN	PROSTITUTION	DH
HPD CALLED DUE TO A PROSTITUTE ON KUKUI AND FOURTH STREET.					
3/5/2008	4:13:24 PM	2	U11 STEFFEL, JOHN	PROSTITUTION	DH
PROSTITUTES LOITERING AROUND DH TOWER STAIRS. POLICE CAME TO OFFICER M HERNANDEZ RESPONDED AT 1610 TO INVESTIGATE					
3/5/2008	11:36:21 PM	3	U8 IOANE, JOHN	PROSTITUTION	DH
U-8 DHT CONSOLE OPERATOR CALLED HPD ON MY CELL-PHONE ABOUT PROSTITUTION ON THE CONER OF KUKUI ST, AND FT, STREET.					

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3/6/2008 5:00:24 AM 3 UJ17 DEREAS, MARGUESS PROSTITUTION DH

UJ-17 CONTACTED HPD REGARDING A WHOLE LOTS OF PROSTITUTES ON KUKUI ST. OPERATOR NUMBER IS 49. DISPATCHER SAID POLICE IS ENROUTE.

SECURITY CONSOLE ACTIVITY REPORT - EWA TOWER

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5/14/2007	22:50	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-10 REPORTED (2) PROSTITUTES AND (2) JOHNS CURRENTLY AT NORTH KUKUI STREET SIDE. CONSOLE MADE CONTACT WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING INAPPROPRIATE ACTIVITY. SQUAD CAR SENT					
5/18/2007	1:46	3	U8 IOANE, JOHN	PROSTITUTION	EWA
CONSOLE CALLED HPD ABOUT THREE PROSTITUTES ON THE CONER OF FT. STREET AND KUKUI STREET REPORTED BY S-3.					
5/22/2007	0:26	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-3 REPORTED ILLEGAL ACTIVITY AT THE CORNER OF KUKUI & FORT STR. HPD WAS CALLED AND NOTIFIED. OPERATOR STATED, "VICE OFFICERS WERE IN THE AREA MONITORING THE INDIVISUALS."					
5/29/2007	2:33	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-16 REPORTED THREE SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE ON THE CORNER OF KUKUI & FORT STREET. TWO WHITE FEMALES AND 1 MALE. HPD OPERATOR REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION ON ILLIGAL ACTIVITIES. SQUAD CAR SENT.					
5/29/2007	5:06	3	U16 AMPON, RIC	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-3 NO ACTIVITIES ON FORT, AND KUKUI STREET					
6/2/2007	10:00	3	S1 LENTES, RICH	PROSTITUTION	EWA
TREND: NIGHT-TIME PROSTITUTION HAS BEEN LOWER THAN USUAL FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS OR SO. POLICE NOTICED MAKING PERIODIC PATROLS OF KUKUI STREET.					
6/20/2007	1:58	3	U8 IOANE, JOHN	PROSTITUTION	EWA
CONSOLE CALLED HPD REQUESTED BY S-3 ABOUT PROSTITUTION IN THE CONER OF KUKUI AND NIUANU AVE.					

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6/26/2007 23:08 3 U16 AMPON, RIC PROSTITUTION EWA

U-16 CONTACTED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING PROSTITUTION. JOHN SEEN PICKING UP WOMAN. SQUAD CAR SENT.

6/27/2007 1:58 3 U8 IOANE, JOHN PROSTITUTION EWA

S-3 CALLED HPD TO REPORT PROSTITUTION ON THE CONER OF NUUANU AND KUKUI ST, SQUAD CAR SENT.

6/27/2007 14:38 2 U15 YOUNG, BILLY PROSTITUTION EWA

JIM BILL CALLED HE SAID TO CHECK OUT A PROSTITUTE HANGING AROUND KUKUKI STREET. U-2 RESPONDING.

6/29/2007 10:10 1 S1 LENTES, RICH PROSTITUTION EWA

PROSTITUTES STILL AT A LOW DURING NIGHT SHIFTS. DAY SHIFT HAS NOTICED GROWING NUMBER OF JOHNS/ WOMEN. CALLED HPD REGARDING PROSTITUTION. SQUAD CAR SENT.

7/4/2007 13:50 1 U1 FUA, MIKE PROSTITUTION EWA

U9 REPORTED PROSTITUTE ON KUKUI ST TO HPD.

7/9/2007 10:11 1 S1 LENTES, RICH PROSTITUTION EWA

TREND: FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS PROSTITUTION HAS CONTINUED TO BE SPARATIC AT BEST ON BOTH DAY SHIFT AND NIGHT SHIFT.

7/12/2007 13:24 1 U7 GUARNEROS, JOSE PROSTITUTION EWA

U9 CALLED HPD FOR PROSTITUTION ACTIVITY.

7/28/2007 6:45 1 U15 YOUNG, BILLY PROSTITUTION EWA

U9 CALLED 911 TO REPORT PROSTITUTE ON KUKUI ST BETWEEN NUUANU AND FORT

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7/31/2007	2:17	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-16 REPORTED THERE IS NONE WHAT SO EVER PROSTITUTION ACTIVITY ON THE OUTSIDE PERIMETER OF KUKUI PLAZA AT THIS TIME.					
8/21/2007	1:09	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-3 CALLED HPD REPORTED INDIVIDUALS ON THE FORT STREET LOITERING IN THE AREA. TALKED TO DISPATCH #102.					
8/25/2007	7:25	1	U15 YOUNG, BILLY	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U9 CALLED POLICE. PROSTITUTE ON FIRE HYDRANT IN FRONT OF LONGS. YELLOW CAP, TWO PIECE OUTFIT. BLACK TOP AND JEANS BOTTOM.					
9/17/2007	18:35	2	U5 TIATIA, PESA	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-3 REPORT THERE'S A PROSTITUTE LOITERING ON KUKUI STREET					
10/6/2007	15:03	2	S2 DOLOR, RICHARD	PROSTITUTION	EWA
Tenant of E915 [REDACTED] on console and states he sees prostitution on Kukui St. in the morning, I told [REDACTED] of how we deal with them by calling police, I told him that he can also call the police or call security to call HPD for him.					
10/8/2007	2:06	3	U16 AMPON, RIC	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-3 CONTACTED 911 HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SOUTH, AND NORTH KUKUI STREET PROSTITUTION THE DISPATCH NUMBER IS #70					
10/8/2007	2:16	3	U16 AMPON, RIC	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-3 OFFICERS ON PROPERTY AT NORTH, AND SOUTH KUKUI STREET, AND THE OFFICER BADGED# IS 2659					
10/13/2007	16:49	2	U8 IOANE, JOHN	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-2 REPORTED THAT HE CALLED HPD ABOUT PROSTITUTION ON KUKUI STREET. CALLED HPD AND MADE A REPORT.					

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10/16/2007	1:44	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-3 REPORTED HPD UNIT PARKED IN P-2 EXIT DRIVEWAY MONITORING ACTIVITY ACROSS THE STREET.					
10/22/2007	3:27	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-3 REPORTED FEMALES SOLICITING ON CORNER OF KUKUI AND NUUANU. HPD WAS CALLED. OPERATOR # 117.					
10/23/2007	15:30	2	S2 DOLOR, RICHARD	PROSTITUTION	EWA
CONSOLE CALLED H. P. D FOR PROSTITUTE ON KUKUI ST. 1 FEMALE PROSTITUTE WITH MAROON TOP BLACK PANTS HIDE SOME KIND OF BAG ON THE BUSHES, U11 TO MEET H. P. D. ON KUKUI ST.					
10/23/2007	15:42	2	S2 DOLOR, RICHARD	PROSTITUTION	EWA
OFFICER P. MAALO BADGE #3224 CAME ON SITE AND PER U11 OFFICER P. MAALO GIVE THE BAG TO THE PROSTITUTE TOLD THEM NOT TO LEAVE PERSONAL THINGS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, PROSTITUTE LEFT KUKUI ST. AREA.					
10/24/2007	5:28	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S3 CONTACT HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING ACTIVITY AT NORTH KUKUI STREET. TALKED WITH OPERATOR # 103					
10/24/2007	20:08	2	S2 DOLOR, RICHARD	PROSTITUTION	EWA
CECELIA OF CITIZEN PATROL CALLED CONSOLE AND REPORTS OF PROSTITUTE ON THE CORNER OF KUKUI AND FORT ST., CONSOLE CALLED HPD.					
11/6/2007	0:17	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-3 REPORTED FEMALES SOLICITING ON KUKUI AND FORT STREET. HPD WAS CALLED AND NOTIFIED. OPERATOR #87					
11/12/2007	4:55	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-3 REPORTING THREE FEMALES SOLICITING ON THE CORNER OF KUKUI AND FORT STREET. HPD WAS CALLED, INFORMATION RELAYED TO OPERATOR #139.					

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11/17/2007	2:05	3	U16 AMPON, RIC	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-10 REPORTED 3 FEMALES PROSTITUTION ON NUUANU,AND KUKUI STREET THE DISPATCH NUMBER IS 901					
11/17/2007	3:31	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-8 REPORTED THREE FEMALES SOLICITING ON CORNER OF KUKUI AND FORT STREET. CALLED HPD AND RELAYED INFORMATION TO OPERATOR #40.					
11/18/2007	9:53	1	U12 TILDEN YAMAO	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-15 ON CAMERA 10 NOTICE A PROSTITUTION AT 9:53 IN THE MOURNING U-15 CALLED HPD TO REPORT IT. PERSON WEARING A BLACK TANK TOP WITH A WHITE VERY COLORFUL SHORT PANTS.ON CAMERA 10 AT 9:50 AM ON KUKUI ST. BY LONGS.					
11/19/2007	1:40	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U10 REPORTED (2) LOCAL PROSTITUTIONS AT NORTH KUKUI STREET. S3 CONTACTED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING ACTIVITY.					
11/21/2007	16:39	2	U11 LAMBERT, KAOLANA	PROSTITUTION	EWA
ROVER S2 CALLED EWA CONSOLE STATING THAT THEIR WERE PROSTITUTION ACTIVITY GOING ON , ON TOP OF KUKUI STREET . S2 STATED THAT THEY WERE STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET FLAGING CARS DOWN . U11 CALLED POLICE .					
12/3/2007	10:39	1	U15 YOUNG, BILLY	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-15 CALLED 911 FOR A PROSTITUTION / JON ON KUKUI ST HANGING AROUND ON PROPERTY BY CAMERA 11 THEN WALKING DOWN KUKUI ST. BY KUKUI AND NUUANU AVE. WEARING A BLACK TOP BLUE DEIM SHORT PANTS DISPATCHER NUMBER 1120.					
12/11/2007	0:53	3	S3 KAPUY, FRANCISCO	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S3 CONTACTED HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCHER # 115 AND INFORMED HER REGARDING ACTIVITY ON NORTH KUKUI STREET. A TOTAL OF (3) ARE CLOSE BY MILILANI MORTUARY.					
12/22/2007	23:25	3	U16 AMPON, RIC	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-16 CALL HONOLULU POLICE DISPATCH #145 FOR PROSTITUTION ON SOUTH KUKUI,AND NUUANU					

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12/23/2007	13:43	1	U1 FUA, MIKE	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U9 CALLED HPD.					
12/28/2007	6:35	1	U12 DIXON, KELVIEN	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U9 CALLED HPD. PROSTITUTE ACROSS FROM DH IN STORE DOORWAY NEAR CORNER OF KUKUI AND FORT. WINDY AND RAINY.					
1/3/2008	1:47	3	U17 DEREAS, MARGUESS	PROSTITUTION	EWA
CONSOLE ADVISED BY S-3 TO CALL HPD REGARDING PROSTITUTION ON NORTH KUKUI ST. AND SOME TRANSVESITIDES NEAR MINILANY MORTUARY. OPERATOR NUMBER IS 34					
1/5/2008	5:32	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-8 REPORTED SEVERAL FEMALES SOLICITING ON THE CORNER OF KUKUI AND FORT STREET. HPD WAS CONTACTED - OPERATOR #54.					
1/5/2008	23:27	3	U16 AMPON, RIC	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-16 CALLED HONOLULU POLICE FOR U-8 REGARDING ON PROSTITUTION 04FEMALES SOLICITING AT SOUTH KUKUI, AND NUUANU DISPATCH 94					
1/9/2008	6:11	1	U12 DIXON, KELVIEN	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U9 CALLED HPD. TWO PROSTITUTES ON KUKUI STREET BETWEEN NUUANU AND FORT. BOTH UNDER OR NEAR THE LONG'S DRUGS SIGN.					
1/10/2008	6:29	1	U9 BILL, JIM	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U9 CALLED HPD. HAD AT LEAST TWO PROSTITUTES ON KUKUI STREET BETWEEN NUUANU AND FORT. ONE GOT PICKED UP. THE WOMAN WHO GOT PICKED UP WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HPD YESTERDAY.					
1/10/2008	6:38	1	U9 BILL, JIM	PROSTITUTION	EWA
MADE ANOTHER CALL TO HPD. THERE ARE NOW THREE PROSTITUTES AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE LONG'S/SAFEWAY PARKING LOT FROM KUKUI ST.					

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1/11/2008 2:31 3 U8 IOANE, JOHN PROSTITUTION EWA

S-3 REQUESTED TO CALL HPD FOR THREE PROSTITUTION BY LONGS OPERATOR#119.

1/11/2008 6:45 1 U12 DIXON, KELVIEN PROSTITUTION EWA

U9 CALLED HPD. SINGLE PROSTITUTE IN FRONT OF LONG'S. DARK HAIR, SHORT JEANS SKIRT OR OTHER DARK SKIRT.

1/13/2008 1:36 3 U17 DEREAS, MARGUESS PROSTITUTION EWA

U-10 INFORMED CONSOLE TO CALL HPD REGARDING 3 FEMAL AND A MALE ON KUKUI AND FORT ST. ARE SOLICITING. OPERATOR NUMBER IS 94

1/13/2008 6:55 1 U9 BILL, JIM PROSTITUTION EWA

CALLED HPD. SINGLE PROSTITUTE WALKING BETWEEN LONG'S AND FORT ST ON KUKUI.

1/14/2008 22:58 3 U17 DEREAS, MARGUESS PROSTITUTION EWA

U-10 INFORMED CONSOLE TO CALL HPD REGARDING 5 PROSTITUTES ARE SOLICITING ON KUKUI STREET. DISPATCHER NUMBER IS 79

1/16/2008 6:25 1 U12 DIXON, KELVIEN PROSTITUTION EWA

U9 CALLED HPD. TWO PROSTITUTES WORKING KUKUI BETWEEN NUUANU AND FORT.

1/17/2008 23:15 3 U10 MORGAN, CHARLES PROSTITUTION EWA

U-8 REPORTED TWO FEMALES SOLICITING ON THE CORNER OF KUKUI AND FORT STREET. HPD WAS CALLED OPERATOR #79

1/28/2008 2:08 3 U17 DEREAS, MARGUESS PROSTITUTION EWA

U-10 REPORTED HPD UNIT IS ON KUKUI STREET

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2/2/2008	6:21	1	U12 DIXON, KELVIEN	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U9 CALLED HPD TO REPORT 3 PROSTITUTES ON KUKUI ST BETWEEN NUUANU AND FORT.					
2/7/2008	1:03	3	U17 DEREAS, MARGUCESS	PROSTITUTION	EWA
HPD CONTACTED REGARDING PROSTITUTES ON SOUTH KUKUI ST. OPERATOR NUMBER IS 76. CONSOLE ADVISED BY U-8, HPD ON THE WAY					
2/7/2008	6:39	1	U9 BILL, JIM	PROSTITUTION	EWA
CALLED HPD. PROSTITUTE ON KUKUI RIGHT IN FRONT OF LONG'S					
2/9/2008	7:15	1	U15 PATTERSON, NICK	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U9 CALLED HPD. 2 PROSTITUTES ON KUKUI ST BETWEEN NUUANU AND FORT.					
2/10/2008	5:01	3	U10 MORGAN, CHARLES	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-8 REPORTED 3 FEMALES SOLICITING IN FRONT OF THE FUNERAL HOME ON KUKUI STREET. HPD WAS CALLED AND INFORMED.					
2/11/2008	2:15	3	U17 DEREAS, MARGUCESS	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U-10 REPORTED 4 PROSTITUTES ON NORTH KUKUI ST. ARE SOLICITING. HPD CONTACTED AND OPERATOR NUMBER IS 76					
2/13/2008	6:20	1	U12 DIXON, KELVIEN	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U9 CALLED HPD. 3 PROSTITUTES ON KUKUI BETWEEN NUUANU AND FORT.					
2/14/2008	2:07	3	U17 DEREAS, MARGUCESS	PROSTITUTION	EWA
HPD CONTACTED REGARDING PROSTITUTION ON SOUTH KUKUI STREET AND A PIMP. OPERATOR NUMBER IS 2					

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2/27/2008	6:26	1	U12 DIXON, KELVIEN	PROSTITUTION	EWA
U9 CALLED HPD FOR THREE PROSTITUTO					
2/28/2008	2:08	3	U17 DEREAS, MARGUESS	PROSTITUTION	EWA
CONSOLE CALL HPD REGARDING PROSTITUTION ON SOUTH KUKUI ST. OPERATOR NUMBER IS 61. HPD ON THE WAY.					
3/5/2008	21:18	2	U11 STEFFEL, JOHN	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-2 CALLED POLICE FOR PROSTITUTION ON KUKUI STREET AT 2120					
3/5/2008	21:33	2	U11 STEFFEL, JOHN	PROSTITUTION	EWA
S-2 TALKED TO OFFICER IN CAR 1090 BLUE AND WHITE, POLICE UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING BECAUSE PROSTITUTES ARE ON SIDEWALK NOT PRIVATE PROPERTY. S-2 SAID KUKUI PLAZA HAS PETITIONED ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND THAT A NEW BILL WAS PASSED. THE OFFICER SHOOK HIS HEAD					

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Strong Support (with amendments) of HB 3002 HD1 – Relating to Prostitution

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, I writing to you in support of the passage of House Bill 3002, HD1 Relating to Prostitution.

For residents at Kukui Plaza, prostitution is a serious problem, specifically on Kukui Street extending from Pali Highway to River Street. Within recent years, it appears that the problem has escalated and has brought more criminal activities including the selling and use of drugs and a shooting death that occurred in July 2006. I no longer feel safe crossing the street to go grocery shopping or for a walk around the neighborhood.

The management of Kukui Plaza, residents and the community continue to make efforts to fight prostitution in our neighborhood. Kukui Plaza management installed new cameras and high-powered lighting and have organized community rallies to increase public awareness of the problem. The Chinatown Citizen's patrol walks the area regularly to deter and report illegal activities. Despite these efforts, prostitution remains a problem. The passage of HB 3002 HD1 would provide a tool in deterring prostitution and subsequent criminal activities in our neighborhood.

I urge the committee to pass HB 3002. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Diane Dunphy
55 South Kukui Street #2404
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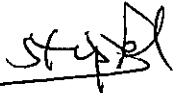
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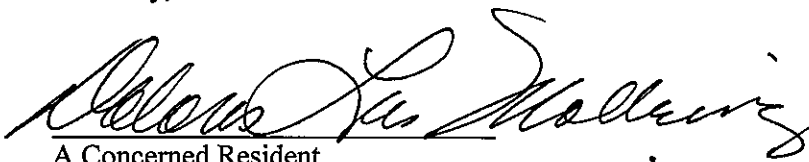
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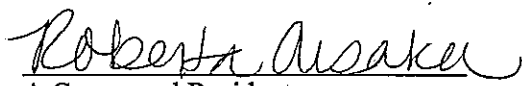
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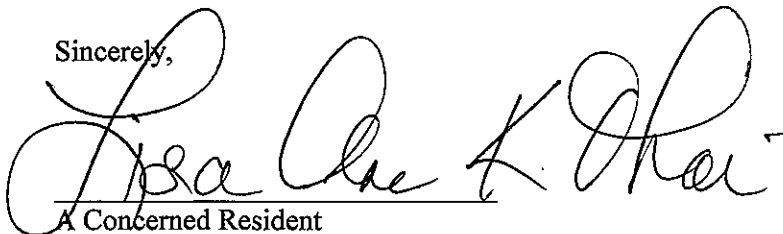
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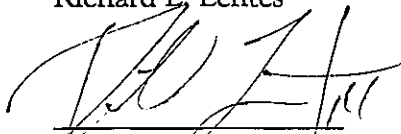
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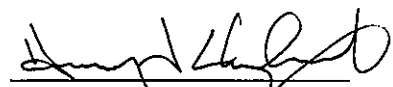
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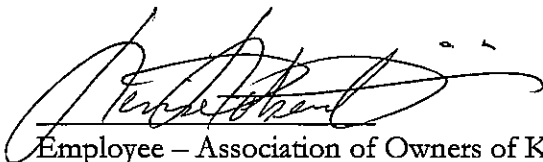
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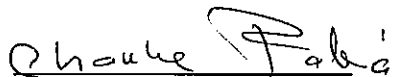
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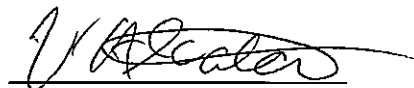
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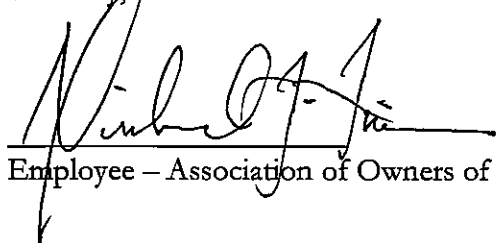
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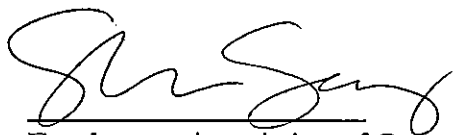
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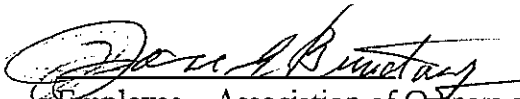
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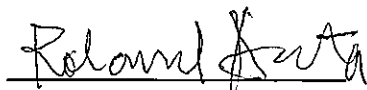
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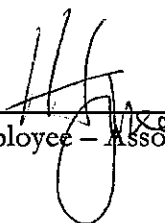
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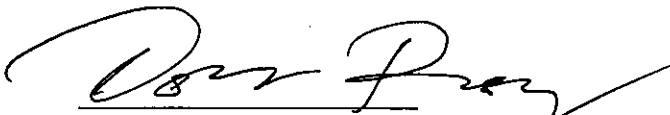
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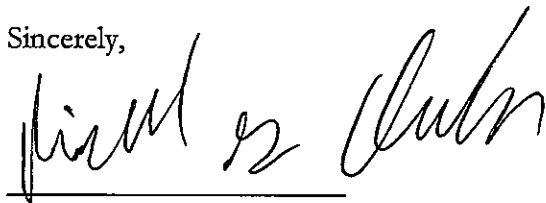
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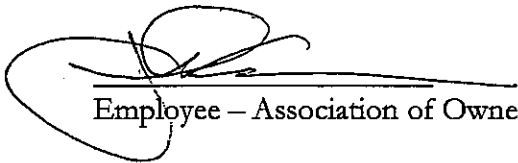
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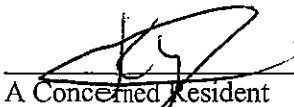
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Over the years, our Association has played a major role in trying to combat this problem. Management has increased exterior lighting and installed additional security cameras. Our security department completes special patrols of Kukui Street to report criminal activity. We also have a group of residents that perform a weekly citizen's patrol. Unfortunately, there is only so much that we as individual citizens can do.

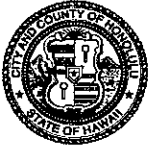
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Testimony of Thomas Smyth, Chair

**Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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On

HB 3002 HD1 Relating to Prostitution

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

The Downtown Neighborhood Board strongly supports HB 3002 HD 1, as amended, that increases the criminal penalties for the customers of prostitutes who are repeat offenders.

Prostitution and the almost-always related criminal activities of assault, robbery, theft and drug use and distribution are the primary law and order issues in the Downtown/Chinatown area. Increasing penalties for these crimes will help provide our neighborhood with additional public safety enforcement strategies to help us recover a sense of security as we go about our daily lives in the area where we live and often work.

Our neighborhood has actively reacted to the increasing criminal activity associated with street prostitution. We are joining with HPD and City and federal prosecutors in continuing the enormous task of reducing these crimes. Increasing penalties for those involved in these illegal financial transactions will certainly help our efforts.

Much of our neighborhood was designated as a "prostitution-free zone" in 2000 but so far that designation and even the federal support provided by the first Weed and Seed area in Hawaii have only slightly reduced prostitution-related criminal activity. Some would say that there is even more prostitution now than before the designation.

Since an underlying symptom of this criminal activity is money, we do feel that increasing penalties for customers of prostitutes will help balance the justice scales. Hopefully, the prostitutes, who often find themselves unable to easily or safely leave, might see that there is a decline in their activity, and they may finally make the difficult effort to move on.

We would ask that you consider adding the provisions in HB 330 HD 1 to this measure, considering the concerns of the Office of the Attorney General as to technical elements of both bills. Combining these bills under either vehicle would create a more balanced approach to the penalties for what must be a two-party illegal transaction.

We are committed through our Neighborhood Watch and close cooperation with HPD, prosecutors and the Judiciary to making these increased criminal penalties a part of the overall effort to end the disturbing increase in crime in our neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.