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March 13, 2008

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

Dear Chair Waters and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 2456, S.D. 2, Relating to Harassment

I am Carlton S. Nishimura, Major of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes Senate Bill No. 2456, S.D. 2, Relating to Harassment, in its current form.

We oppose the elevation of the current harassment petty misdemeanor harassment offense to a class C felony as it would apply to all types of the harassment covered by section 711-1106 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Under this bill, a person would be guilty of a class C felony for insulting or taunting someone, but would only be guilty of a misdemeanor offense for assaulting the person and causing bodily injury. However, with the amendments proposed by the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, the Honolulu Police Department would support this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Carlton S. Nishimura in black ink.

CARLTON S. NISHIMURA, Major
Criminal Investigation Division

APPROVED:

Handwritten signature of Boisse P. Correa in black ink.

for BOISSE P. CORREA
Chief of Police