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February 8, 2008

The Honorable Russell S. Kokubun, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
and Affordable Housing  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Kokubun and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 2627, Relating to Copper Purchases

I am Captain Edward Nishi of District 5 (Kalihi) of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.


The Honolulu Police Department supports Senate Bill No. 2627, Relating to Copper Purchases. This bill would require that scrap dealers pay sellers of copper by check only and the checks be issued to the seller no sooner than 21 days after the purchase.

Many copper thieves are looking for instant payment. Requiring payment by check to the seller with a waiting period of at least 21 days may help to deter copper theft. This payment method is being used in other states across the nation.


We urge your support in passing Senate Bill No. 2627.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
EDWARD NISHI, Captain  
District 5

APPROVED:

  
for: BOISSE P. CORREA  
Chief of Police

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