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February 5, 2009

The Honorable Faye P. Hanohano, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety  
The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Health  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Hanohano and Yamane and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1194, Relating to Medical Marijuana

I am Louis Kealoha, Captain of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 1194, Relating to Medical Marijuana.

This bill has several concerns for law enforcement in the areas of marijuana cultivation. All marijuana is illegal under federal law. The passage of this bill would require a government agency in the State of Hawaii to develop and implement a marijuana growing facility and specifically provide security for its cultivation. As the lessor, the State of Hawaii would collect money for leases for such cultivation. These leases would probably include rent, water, electricity, and liability insurance. In essence, the state would be profiting from marijuana cultivation, which the federal government currently lists as illegal.

The Honolulu Police department urges you to oppose House Bill No. 1194, Relating to Medical Marijuana.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

for: Paul Putzulu  
BOISSE P. CORREA  
Chief of Police

Louis Kealoha  
LOUIS KEALOHA, Captain  
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