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February 12, 2009

The Honorable Faye Hanohano, Chair
And Committee Members of the House Public Safety Committee
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: House Bill 845, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER
AND DISASTER SHELTER IN HAWAIIAN OCEAN VIEW COMMUNITY
ESTATES

Dear Chair Hanohano and Representatives:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of House Bill 845 for an appropriation for a community center and disaster shelter in the rapidly growing community of Hawaiian Ocean View Estates.

This project will provide multiple benefits to our residents by providing space for education, health, social and cultural programs for youth and seniors, and also improving public safety in a community vulnerable to a variety of natural disasters ranging from volcanic activity to hurricanes.

This new center would serve an isolated area with about 5,000 residents, many of whom are as much as 30 miles from the nearest state-approved shelter.

People will continue to move into the area to take advantage of the affordable housing, and there is a growing need for additional public safety infrastructure including disaster shelter space to protect residents in this community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

Billy Kenoi
MAYOR

TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAII POLICE DEPARTMENT

HOUSE BILL 845

**RELATING TO HOUSE BILL 845, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A
COMMUNITY CENTER AND DISASTER SHELTER IN HAWAIIAN OCEAN
VIEW COMMUNITY ESTATES, HAWAII**

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE : Thursday, February 12, 2009

TIME : 8:30 A.M.

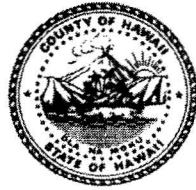
PLACE : Conference Room 309
State Capitol

PERSON TESTIFYING:

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(Written Testimony Only)

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February 11, 2009

Representative Faye P. Hanohano
Chairperson and Committee Members
Committee on Public Safety
415 South Beretania Street, Room 309
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: House Bill 845, Making an Appropriation for a Community Center and Disaster Shelter in Hawaiian Ocean View Community Estates, Hawai'i

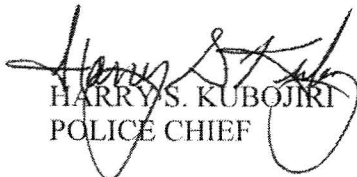
Dear Representative Hanohano:

The Hawai'i Police Department supports the passage of House Bill No. 845, Making an Appropriation for a Community Center and Disaster Shelter in Hawaiian Ocean View Community Estates, Hawai'i.

It is well known that Hawai'i Island still has some of the last affordable real estate markets in the state, of which this community is recognized as such, therefore, the populace is ever increasing in size. As a result, there is an urgent need in the Hawaiian Ocean View Community Estates for a facility that would provide a much needed disaster relief shelter for the residents, who currently in the event of a disaster must travel some thirty (30) miles to nearest state-approved shelter. This project would provide for this need as well as provide a center for education, health, social, and cultural programs for the youth and seniors of this rural community.

For these reasons, we urge this committee to support this legislation. Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Police Department to provide comments relating to House Bill 845.

Sincerely,


HARRY S. KUBOJIRI
POLICE CHIEF