



LATE TESTIMONY

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Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
Committee on Public Safety and
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SUPPORT FOR HRC 143 AND HR 113 - SERVICE OF WARRANTS
HEARING: 4/2/09 @ 9:30 A.M.

Dear Representative Hanohano:

The Collection Law Section ("CLS") of the Hawaii State Bar Association ("HSBA") supports HRC 143 and HR 113.¹ Currently, far too many warrants go unserved. Within the practice area of the CLS, we note that the civil bench warrants issued by judges more often than not go unserved. This both frustrates the purpose of the warrants and diminishes the overall public's respect for the courts.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill Plum
Vice Chair
Collection Law Section of the
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cc: HSBA
Steven Guttman, CLS President

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¹ The opinions of the Collection Law Section of the HSBA are not necessarily those of the HSBA.

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Comments:

Dear Committee members,
I am writing in support of HCR 143, a measure that tries to reduce the number of unserved warrants.
As the chair of the Downtown Neighborhood I have seen the crime in our streets get worse. time and time again the criminal is arrested only to discovered that a warrant had been issued and never acted on.
As a society we need to make sure that the backlog of 61,500 unserved warrants do not turn into more crime in our neighborhoods.
I respectfully ask you to pass this resolution.
Frank Lavoie

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Comments:

Aloha All, As a Retired Detective, NYCPD, I want to give some input as to what NYPD, has done and continues to do in the area of Arrest Warrant's.

1. Each Patrol Officer is given 10 Arrest Warrants of wanted persons in the area they are assigned.
2. Officer puts out the word in that area, that the person is wanted, and suggest to the residence of that area to convince the wanted person, to turn them selfs into Police.
3. Most times the Patrol Officers, know the wanted persons, but are not aware of the Arrest Warants exist.
4. As a Member of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board, I suggested the above to the Officers who attended our meeting 3 months ago.
5. HPD, now does post Photos of Wanted Persons on Local TV, and it does WORK. To that end the steps above also end with results. If the heat is turned up they do turn them selves in.
6. I have found that the best days to find them at home is on MOTHERS DAY, AND X-MAS, IF I HAD TO WORK THOSE DAYS OR NIGHTS, I would wind up in Court with people arrested on Warrants. Any Police Officer can tell you the best time is 6AM any day of the week.

Aloha

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