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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS

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9:30 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

H. B. 2129, H. D. 1 – RELATING TO GRAFFITI.

Purpose: Requires a person convicted of criminal property damage involving graffiti to remove the graffiti within 30 days of sentencing, to perform community service removing graffiti from within 100 yards of the site of the offense, and to reimburse property owners for costs incurred in removing graffiti within 100 yards of the site of the offense.

Position: The HCDA offers the following comments in support of the Act with amendments.

Grffiti is a community wide problem, but no less in Kakaako. We support the imposition of penalties that place appropriate responsibility for such offenses upon the perpetrator, but note that the comments and objections offered by the public defender and the Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. to the original proposal should be addressed in revisions to this bill. While we defer to those with expertise in devising appropriate sanctions for this offense, we look forward to a system of penalties which might deter such crimes from occurring.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments to this proposal.