

LATE TESTIMONY

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Date: 02/22/2011

Committee: House Judiciary

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0044 RELATING TO PROSTITUTION

Purpose of Bill: Makes it a misdemeanor to offer or agree to pay a fee to engage in sexual conduct within 750 feet of a school or public park. Effective 7/1/11.

Department's Position: DOE appreciates the opportunity to offer comments in support of this bill.

The problem for the DOE is that solicitation for prostitution is openly apparent during the daytime, and students walking to and from school must pass this activity.

Because prostitution is already a misdemeanor, perhaps it would be appropriate to amend the bill to provide for a significant minimum fine for conviction of soliciting within one mile of a school from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

Thank you for your consideration.



**Waena Apartments
(Formally Kukui Gardens Makua)
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February 22, 2011

Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, District #28
State Capitol, Room #326
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subj: **February 22, 2011 Hearing on Prostitution Bills**

Dear Representative Rhoads,

As Property Owners of the **Waena Community**, formally known as **Kukui Gardens Makua**, our property is immediately adjacent to the problem areas the Bills being considered today are addressing. Consequently we are keenly aware of the challenges this area produces and are both appreciative and optimistic that these Bills will aid in protecting our Community from at the very least "un-welcome exposure" to crimes in progress and the repercussions of these crimes.

We are in support of these Bills in the hopes of the continuing improvement and evolution of this 'transitional area' into a more friendly family and Civic safe zone;

- **HB 44** – As we are both close to a school and a park and our Children deserve to be able to travel freely in these areas NOT having to witness criminal activities.
- **HB 240** – As victims on any level need protected.
- **HB 241**
- **HB 242**

We as a local business owner and as members of this Community sincerely thank you for your continued interest of our **Waena Community** and appreciate your hard work on our behalf.

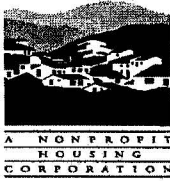
Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Tschudin".

Tom Tschudin
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Honolulu, HI 96813

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Dear Mr. Rhoads:

RE: HEARINGS ON PROSTITUTION-RELATED BILLS HB 44, HB 241, AND HB 242

On behalf of the approximate one thousand residents at 35 North Kukui Street, we are writing in support of the above referenced bills.

It is well known that prostitution related crime has long plagued the Chinatown neighborhood. The extent was such that the City designated it as a zone of significant activity, thereby requiring special attention. This prostitution related crime is highly detrimental to the quality of life, health, and safety of our residents.

For example, if choosing to walk across the street to the local Zippy's for supper there's a good chance that our residents must run the gauntlet of transvestite prostitutes. They are hesitant to send their teenager the one short block to Safeway for a quart of milk because female prostitutes flaunt their wares behind Long's Drugs. This is the same route used by our youth to access Central Middle School offering grades six to eight. Children must be carefully monitored when going on a family stroll of the neighborhood for fear of pricking themselves on a discarded needle. Our elderly are only now again beginning to enjoy their evening socializing in front of the building's entry. This was rendered inadvisable when a pimp related murder occurred adjacent to the building. Youth are put at risk by being confronted with a "flashy" alternative life style that offers attractive people, impressive cars, fancy clothes, and fast money.

Kukui Tower participates in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's program referred to as the "Cop-in-the-Neighborhood". It is intended to contribute to the overall safety and security of HUD properties, and in return for a free apartment the property receives thirty-two hours of service of a Honolulu police officer. Part of this service includes routine patrols, and every month the officer's report includes the grim statistics of prostitution related crime on Kukui Street.

Noteworthy in these statistics is the high incidence of "Johns" as compared to female and transvestite prostitutes, drug action, and vehicles engaged in criminal activity. Other jurisdictions have found that targeting "Johns" is the most effective assault on prostitution, including publishing the names and photographs of convicted "Johns" in the local newspaper. This is why we believe bills HB 44 and HB 242 in particular merit your support.



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In short, we urge you to give full consideration to the subject bills as measures to curtail Chinatown's prostitution activity, and encourage you to see them through to successful passage. Our residents will be most pleased to learn of your progress in this regard.

Sincerely,



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Authorized Managing Agent for Kukui Kauhale, Inc.