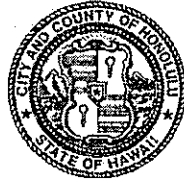


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March 13, 2012

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
and Members
Committee on Human Services
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 2736, H.D. 1, Relating to Promotion of Controlled Substances

I am John McEntire, Major of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department.

The Honolulu Police Department supports House Bill No. 2736, H.D. 1, Relating to Promotion of Controlled Substances.

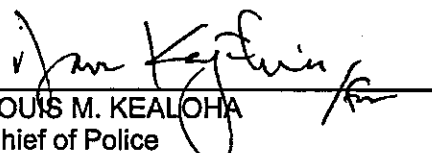
The bill proposes to extend the prohibition of Promoting a Controlled Substance in, on, or near schools, school vehicles, or public parks to include public housing projects and complexes.

The passage of this bill will not only help deter illegal drug dealing in these protected areas but will also help law enforcement in our efforts to curtail illegal drug activity in general by having convicted persons who violate this proposed section imprisoned for longer periods of time.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to support House Bill No. 2736, H.D. 1, Relating to Promotion of Controlled Substances.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:


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Sincerely,


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