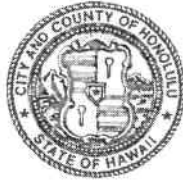


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March 13, 2012

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

Re: House Bill No. 2773, HD3, Relating to the Weed and Seed Program

I am Major William Chur of District 5 (Kalihi) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 2773, HD3. This bill establishes and appropriates a Weed and Seed program within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

As a partner in the Weed and Seed program since its inception several years ago, the HPD recognizes the benefits of the program in reducing crime and improving the quality of life for people who live and work in the Weed and Seed designated communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

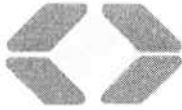
Sincerely,

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FOR WILLIAM R. CHUR, Major

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louis M. Kealoaha".
LOUIS M. KEALOHA
Chief of Police



March 13, 2012

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair, and Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 407
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Committee Members:

RE: H.B. 2773, H.D. 3 RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM

Hearing: Tuesday, March 13, 2012; 10:15 a.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

I am Debbie Luning, an employee of Gentry Homes and a member of the Ewa Weed and Seed Steering Committee. I am testifying in strong support of H.B. 2773, H.D. 3, an appropriation measure to sustain the Weed and Seed program in communities on Oahu. This measure is a companion to S.B. 2261 which was earlier passed out of the Joint PGM/JUD Committee. Thank you for your support and for keeping this important measure alive.

As the developer of a residential community within the Ewa Weed and Seed site, Gentry is very supportive of continued funding for the Weed and Seed program. We have been active participants in the collaborative effort involving law enforcement, citizens, non-profit organizations, social service agencies, community groups and private businesses (such as ours) and are pleased that Ewa is undergoing a positive transformation. Violent and drug-related crimes have been reduced substantially, large drug dealers have been "weeded out" and "seeding" programs have been implemented for families and youth.

The Weed and Seed program is working. However, we need to continue the efforts to restore neighborhoods and the families that live within, and I urge your support of this bill with a \$336,000 appropriation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GENTRY HOMES, LTD.

Debra M. A. Luning
Director of Governmental Affairs and
Community Relations

February 24, 2012

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
& Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

Re: HB2273-HD3 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM

Please vote in favor of HB2273-HD3 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

All of the collaborative efforts involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses have helped reduce violent crime and drug-related crimes tremendously in our communities.

Since the Ewa Beach/Ewa Weed and Seed program took root in our community a sense of value, family and pride thrives amongst young and old alike. Each taking the time out to get active and actually call in when they see crime or suspect something is not right. Parks are cleaner, streets are safer and illegal activity is no longer running rapid in our streets. The illegal activities are now less visible, but it still exists and I am afraid that if we do not have this type of program we will lose the progress and momentum we have gained since 2006.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource that needs to be continued. Your support of this important program will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

Weed and Seed is very important to the community. I would like to thank you for your consideration of this very important issue and once again I humbly ask you to support HB2273-HD3.

Sincerely,

Tesha H. Malama

Long-time Ewa Beach Resident