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Representative Rida T. R. Cabanilla, Chair

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LATE TESTIMONY

SB 2650, SD 1

Relating to Promotion of Controlled Substances

Chair Cabanilla and Members of the Housing Committee,

We are Duane and Beth Chapman of Da Kine Bail Bonds, testifying in support of HB 2650, SD 1, Relating to Promotion of Controlled Substances, for the following reasons.

- This bill expands the restriction of promoting controlled substances to include public housing projects or complexes, along with the current language of schools and parks.
- In our over forty combined years of chasing fugitives, we have found that many of the drug abusers are from the various housing projects in the state.
- We have also discovered that criminals tend to frequent schools, parks, and public housing projects or complexes.

We believe that HB 2650 will help to curb drug activity and other crimes in these areas where our children and families live, work and play. This type of illegal activity has threatened the safety and caused harm to a number of students, families, and project residents over the years.

We support this bill and urge your passage.

Mahalo nui for allowing us to testify!

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Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to support this measure. May I suggest that language be inserted to state that when the distance of 750 feet touches upon parks, public housing complexes etc., that the whole of said complex/amenity be included automatically. In the instance of Kahalu'u Elementary School, as an example, this would then include the entirety of nearby Kahalu'u Regional Park, down-to and surrounding the Flood Control Lagoon. This area was recently in the news in relation to sales of over an ounce of meth to an undercover officer - a joint sting by HPD and the FBI. Language should also be considered to include Community/Civic Centers within the same distance, or touched upon, where youth programs and/or education in affiliation with the State Dept. of Education takes place. Again, in the Kahalu'u area example, this would automatically include KEY Project, where we hold classes in conjunction with Windward School for Adults; non-school hour programs for elementary-aged youth, teens etc.

Mahalo, John L. Reppun Executive Director at KEY Project