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SB 3047 Proposed SD1 – Relating to Crime

Chair Fukunuga, Vice-Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of the proposed SD1 of SB3047.

We greatly appreciate your work to increase Hawaii's statutory deterrence against the fraudulent use of Internet domain names.

As you know, the University of Hawai'i recently experienced a situation in which an Internet domain based on our institutional name was registered, put up for auction, and eventually used to purvey pornography.

While in this particular case we were successful in persuading the perpetrator to shut down the web site, we believe that individuals who willfully and purposely attempt to profit through cybersquatting or fraudulent use of domain names should be able to be held accountable for their actions.

This is a highly dynamic area and only time will tell how the legal regime must adapt to deal with new challenges. But with the imminent release of more top-level domains, we believe the proposed language can only help deter improper actions and help protect the people, businesses and public institutions of Hawai'i. We deeply appreciate your work toward this end.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify in support of the proposed SD1 of SB3047.