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February 6, 2013

The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair
and Members
Committee on Consumer Protection
and Commerce
State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1416, Relating to Health and Wellness Programs

I am Jerry Inouye, Captain of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 1416, Relating to Health and Wellness Programs.


Hawaii's current gambling laws have been touted as some of the strongest in the nation. This is because the current statutes and related definitions are practical, clearly written, and allow for specific activities. These activities include bona fide business transactions as well as health and accident insurance. These allowances make the need for amendments regarding health insurance unnecessary.

Furthermore, the bill does not define "wellness program" and does not specify what activities would be involved. As long as lotteries or other contests of chance are not used in the promotion or application of the program, no changes to the current statutes or definitions are required.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to oppose House Bill No. 1416, Relating to Health and Wellness Programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:


LOUIS M. KEALOHA
Chief of Police

Sincerely,


JERRY INOUYE, Captain
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