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February 28, 2013

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 944, Relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act

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

The Honolulu Police Department supports House Bill No. 944, Relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

The proposed amendments will update chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, with changes made to the Federal Controlled Substances Act by adding certain classes of anabolic steroids to Schedule III. It also adds Tetramethylcyclopropanoylindoles to the list of synthetic cannabinoid class, Schedule I hallucinogenic substances. This addresses a new class of synthetic cannabinoid here in Hawaii.

The bill uses a general chemical class approach intended to prevent manufacturers from making slight changes to go from scheduled to unscheduled compounds.

In the interest of public health and safety, the Honolulu Police Department strongly urges you to support House Bill No. 944, Relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,


LOUIS M. KEALOHA
Chief of Police


JERRY INOUE, Major
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