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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC SAFETY
ON
March 13, 2014
S.B. 2936, S.D. 1

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair Aquino and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 2936, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports S.B. 2936, S.D. 1 and will work collaboratively with the Department of Public Safety and other interested parties to effectuate the purpose of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2936, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

by
Ted Sakai, Director
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House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 13, 2014; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** this bill, which will create a working group to analyze the capitol district security infrastructure and develop a plan to create an integrated camera surveillance system. The Sheriff Division's Dispatch Center currently monitors cameras within the State Capitol. A comprehensive evaluation of the security posture of state facilities in the Civic Center is needed to leverage current technologies that reduce manpower requirements, in order to provide a cost effective solution to infrastructure and public security.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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TESTIMONY OF
KEONE KALI, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER - DESIGNATE,
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Thursday, March 13, 2014
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 309
State Capitol

S.B. 2936, SD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing, and Members of the Committee:

I am Keone Kali, Chief Information Officer - Designate, in the State Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT), speaking in support of S.B. No. 2936, SD1, to establish a working group to analyze the infrastructure and develop a plan for an integrated camera surveillance system for the Capitol District.

The OIMT is now undertaking a multi-year program to improve the reliability, availability, and capabilities of the State's data processing services and communications infrastructure which support the State's emergency response and public safety agencies. That program includes redundant fiber optic networks statewide that will continue to function when major portions of that infrastructure is damaged or unavailable. That new communications infrastructure is well-suited to transport digital video camera signals within and between State government buildings. For example, the State Data Center recently installed a remote video surveillance system for the Kalanimoku Building on Punchbowl Street.

In addition, OIMT is working with the Department of Public Safety to improve its communication systems across the State using new network infrastructure now being installed. Similarly, we will collaborate with Public Safety, Accounting and General Services, and other departments to help determine Capitol District requirements for a comprehensive security system and make available our expertise and networks to support that system.

We thank the Committee for this opportunity to testify in support of this bill that will improve security within the Capitol District.



Committee: Committee on Public Safety
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 13, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Room 309
Re: *Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in **Opposition** to S.B. 2936, Relating to Public Safety*

Dear Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee on Public Safety:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in **opposition** to S.B. 2936, which establishes a working group to integrate surveillance cameras into the Historic Capitol District.

Video surveillance has not been proven effective or reliable and may actually encourage illicit behavior because of the lack of limits or controls on the cameras. Video surveillance presents a tempting opportunity for personal, criminal, and institutional abuse, as well as discriminatory targeting and voyeurism.

Unfortunately, history has shown that surveillance technologies put in place for one purpose inevitably expand into other uses, posing significant dangers to individual privacy and due process rights. While the state and federal Constitutions offer some protection for privacy and against video searches conducted by the police, there are currently no general, legally enforceable rules to limit privacy invasions and protect against abuse of video surveillance systems.

Like any intrusive technology, the benefits of deploying public video cameras must be balanced against the costs. This technology would not significantly protect us against crime, carries very real dangers of abuse and has the potential to change the core experience of going out in public because of its chilling effect on citizens. Given that, its benefits are disproportionately small.

If this bill does move forward, the ACLU of Hawaii encourages the addition of a community advocate to the working group who would be responsible for collecting, relaying, and resolving public concerns related to camera surveillance.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Committee on Public Safety
March 13, 2014
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Sincerely,

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The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 45 years.

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TO: Committee on Public Safety

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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DATE: Thursday, March 13, 2014

RE: SB2936, SD1, Camera Surveillance Working Group - **OPPOSED**

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee on Public Safety,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding SB2936, SD1, which would set up a working group to study the capitol district's security infrastructure and create a plan to integrate camera surveillance in the area.

The camera capital of the world is said to be London. Cameras cost London taxpayers a significant amount of money to operate but do not result the reduction in crime that would be expected. For example, according to a 2009 news report, only one crime was solved per 1,000 cameras.

Let's save our money and use it for other more worthy endeavors. **Please vote "no" on this bill.**