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NOTICE OF HEARING DATE: Thursday, March 14, 2013
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325

SB 472; S.D.1 - RELATING TO MARIJUANA.

Proposed HD1: Creates a civil violation for the possession of twenty grams or less of marijuana subject to a fine of \$100 and establishes a cause of action for selling, furnishing, or providing marijuana to a minor.

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As a society we have failed to control, enforce and properly administer our permissive and addictive substances. Excess & easy availability of substances have migrated to elementary school age youth. The affect ripples throughout their life and may become dependant on a productive society.

Adults no matter the law have not been able to keep cigarettes, alcohol or prescription drugs out of the hands of minors. Schools, families and community deserve more for our legislators. **PLEAS DO NOT PASS SB 472 SD1** or any legislation decriminalizing the use of any gateway drug. We set our children, families, schools and work force up to fail and our businesses and tax base will suffer and we will all pay the price in the future.

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March 14, 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: Senate Bill No. 472, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Proposed, Relating to Marijuana

I am Susan Dowsett, Assistant Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes Senate Bill No. 472, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Proposed, Relating to Marijuana.

Passage of this bill would amend section 712-1249.6, Promoting a controlled substance in, on, or near schools, school vehicles, public parks, or public housing projects or complexes by declaring that "mere possession of marijuana in any amount of twenty grams or less shall not constitute possession with intent to distribute without other conduct indicating intent to distribute."

Twenty grams of marijuana can be reasonably expected to make anywhere between 30 to 40 marijuana cigarettes. There could be a gathering of young adults in possession of 20 grams of marijuana each at a public park, and there would be no criminal violation of this statute unless the police can actually catch the offender engaged in a transaction. Is the intent of this measure to allow possession and consumption of marijuana in a "safe zone" such as near schools and public parks? That is exactly what will happen with a civil fine.

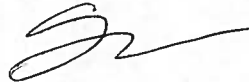
This proposed measure is neither healthy nor safe for our communities. Marijuana will be much more easily available to our communities and our youth.

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The Honolulu Police Department strongly urges you to oppose Senate Bill No. 472,
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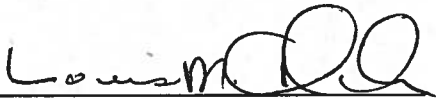
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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APPROVED:



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