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Comments: Chair, House Judiciary Committee Right Honorable Committee Members I oppose this legislation in its present form. I believe there is a similar Ordinance with the City of Honolulu, as well as State Statute on subject matter. What is needed is not strictly just law and order of prohibition...that goes without saying. But what should be in place from long before this year, is public accommodations be made available for Chinatown, for example. Both City Council members Joey Manahan as well as Carol Fukunaga have introduced subject matter ordinances to alleviate and reduce such occurrence of "public outrage". The Downtown Police Station's public bathroom is not available for homeless usage most of the time. Personally, I have had not problem getting access for the WC there during daytime. But for the denizens of the Chinatown and Downtown are in Honolulu, it is the after hours use of bathrooms that is a scarcity. There are too many ordinances and legislations being introduced and adopted which "mask" the inability to resolve that lack of public accommodation facilities. It has been waiting since the Chinatown Summit from years back. Please reconsider blindly adopting this measure merely for the "appearance's sake". Mahalo. Arvid Tadao Youngquist Registered Voter Kalihi Valley

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