## **SB2253**

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January 28, 2014

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair and Members Committee on Judiciary and Labor State Senate Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 2253, Relating to Forensic Identification

I am Keith Horikawa, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department supports Senate Bill No. 2253, Relating to Forensic Identification.

Forensic evidence has become such a valuable tool in criminal investigations, and its use will increase in the future. This bill will strengthen the ability to gather forensic information and evidence from individuals who are legally required to submit a specimen. The Honolulu Police Department continues to focus on the importance of forensic evidence at every crime scene. This bill will assist in our efforts to identify the offender and eliminate the innocent.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to support Senate Bill No. 2253, Relating to Forensic Identification.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

LOUIS M. KEALOHA Chief of Police KEITH HORIKAWA, Captain Criminal Investigation Division