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Comments: The headline of this bill, and its summary description, very misleadingly refer only to mandatory sentencing for unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle. But this bill in fact imposes mandatory sentencing on a large number of offenses. . Judges usually oppose any laws imposing mandatory sentencing because such laws limit the discretion of judges to be flexible. However, I and other citizens are outraged when we see news reports about criminals who have 70 or 80 prior convictions and yet they remain on the streets freely engaging in more crimes. The custom of catch-and-release might be nice for recreational fishing but is a disaster for the criminal justice system and especially for public safety. It is also demoralizing for police officers and prosecutors who work hard to apprehend and prosecute criminals, only to see their work produce no consequences. . Apparently the only way to make judges impose actual punishment and keep the criminals off the streets is for the legislature to pass laws forcing them to impose imprisonment.

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Aloha Chairs & Committee Members,

Re: SB2383 Relating To Unauthorized Entry Into Motor Vehicles

I strongly support SB2383 for the following reasons...

Last year, we had 5 UEMV's at my Kailua home. Many of my neighbors also had their vehicles illegally entered. Between 09/01/13 and 12/31/13, as per the crimemapping.com website, there were 171 vehicle break-ins within a two mile radius of my house (about half of the area is ocean, marsh or mountain).

In my neighborhood, many visitors are also the victims of UEMV's. I met a man named Tony from Cleveland moments after his rental car's window was broken. Thieves took almost everything that he had – Cash, credit cards, passports, cell phones and cameras. The worst part was that Tony had just asked his traveling partner, Barbie, to marry him. Sadly, the thieves also got away with the pictures of his proposal. I spoke with Tony a few months later, he said that he felt safer in New York than in Hawaii.

It's my understanding that a small number of those arrested are responsible for most of these crimes. SB2383 will help identify and bring those to justice who have made a career out of terrorizing my neighborhood and preying on visitors.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Kailua Resident
Local Small Business Owner

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Re: Support for SB2383 Relating to Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV)

Aloha Honorable Chair Hee and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB2383.

Below are UEMV statistics for the weeks of 1/20/2014 - 2/2/2014 as reported on the Honolulu Police Departments website:

District 1 Honolulu = 57
District 2 Wahiawa = 34
District 3 Pearl City = 77
District 4 Windward = 51
District 5 Kalihi = 64
District 6 Waikiki = 14
District 7 East Honolulu = 30
District 8 Kapolei/Waianae = 36

In that brief time period there were 363 **reported** car break-ins on Oahu. This does not take into account UEMV crimes on our neighbor islands. Although UEMV is considered a low level, non-violent crime, it is a class C felony that negatively impacts a large population of the public, both residents and tourists alike. Many victims are left with replacing car windows or punched door locks on top of the loss of their possessions. Any person with prior conviction(s) of UEMV in the first degree should be swiftly sentenced to a mandatory incarceration period. The public deserves laws that adequately protect us against repeat offenders who choose to continuously violate our property rights. Please pass SB2383.

I appreciate your consideration.

Lisa Cates