SB2420 SD1 LATE **TESTIMONY**



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S.B. 2420, S.D.1 RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR STATE AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

The Department of Transportation strongly **supports** this measure.

S.B. 2420, S.D. 1 allows the State and counties to perform criminal history record checks on employees, prospective employees, volunteers, and contractors whose positions allow them access to sensitive information, firearms, and secured areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair and Members Committee on Judiciary and Labor State Senate Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 2420, SD 1, Relating to Criminal History Record

Checks for State and County Employees

I am Sean C. Naito, Major of the Communications Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 2420, SD 1, Relating to Criminal History Record Checks for State and County Employees. This bill provides State and County agencies the ability to access national criminal information history and state conviction information for employees who will be working in the future Joint Traffic Management Center (JTMC). The clearance is needed to determine the employment suitability of current and prospective employees.

The JTMC is scheduled for completion in 2016. It will be comprised of personnel from the HPD, Department of Transportation Services, Honolulu Fire Department, and the Department of Transportation. Due to the sensitivity of information that will be discussed and accessed during daily operations within the JTMC, we feel that it is in the public's best interest to have personnel who have been subjected to both a national and state criminal history record check.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 2420, SD 1.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Sean C. Naito, Major Communications Division

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