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TESTIMONY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

SENATE BILL NO. 2602
Relating to Graffiti

February 7, 2014

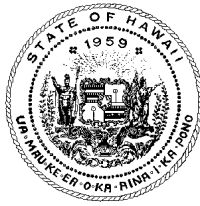
Senate Bill No. 2602 establishes and funds an anti-graffiti program coordinator position under the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and funds an anti-graffiti program for the use of cameras and high resolution photos to detect taggers on state property. Repeals on July 1, 2017.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor **supports the intent** of this measure and shares the concerns over the negative impact of graffiti on our State and our local community. We are supportive of the development of a comprehensive strategy to combat the negative impact of graffiti and offer the following comments.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor is prepared to assist the State in the development of statewide policy or plans to address the graffiti problem in Hawaii. However, the Office does not currently possess the appropriate staffing levels, funding and expertise to accomplish the intended goals under this measure, and appropriate funding and resources in FY15 and beyond would be required to fulfill the added responsibilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2602
RELATING TO GRAFFITI

by
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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Friday, February 07, 2014; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** this bill, which will establish an anti-graffiti program coordinator position under the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. This bill also seeks to appropriate programmatic funding to detect and coordinate anti-graffiti efforts on state property. Graffiti has become a widespread problem across the state, and frequently, graffiti “taggers” place themselves in dangerous environments, as well as, exposing themselves to hazardous chemicals in the act of “tagging.”

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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CHU LAN SHUBERT-KWOCK	CHINATOWN BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	Support	No

Comments: Yes lets stop graffiti on both historic buildings in Chinatown and public buildings. Too many of these graffiti sit for years blighting our historic buildings and are an eye sore for all.

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Having just reread all of this bill I am writing to express my SUPPORT to have it pass. Graffiti seems to be increasing on a daily basis. I live on Pacific Heights and within the last week one large concrete fence has been totally disfigured with large, black characters which say nothing except "look at the mess I can make on private property". I realize this is not state property but plenty of state property has also been damaged by massive amounts of graffiti.

Setting up an anti-graffiti position under the auspices of the lieutenant governor's office is an excellent way to seriously provide ability to tackle this issue.

I thank you for considering my position on the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Jan Farrant

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Friday, February 7th, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

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Ka'io Akiyama, high school junior, individual

In respect to SB2602, I am in support. From what is understood, the artists are using their arts as a means to establishing, or if established, preserving their "alter ego". An alter ego is their reasoning to committing illegal activity? Nonsense. Granted, an alter ego can be an individual's pursuit, but at the expense of both infringing the law of Hawaii, and deducting the wealth of Hawaii for clean-up? Nonsense.