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HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Date: February 9, 2015

To: Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H Baker, Vice-Chair

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

From: Marci Lopes, Executive Director
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

RE: SB 109 – STRONG SUPPORT

PLACE: Conference Room 229

DATE and TIME: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:15 p.m.

The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a statewide partnership of 21 domestic violence program and domestic violence shelter providers on 6 of our Hawaiian Islands. Our mission is to engage communities and organizations to end domestic violence through education, advocacy, and action for social justice.

As a result of the highly publicized incident in which an officer abused his former girlfriend and the public outrage and concern that ensued, an informational briefing was scheduled. As the Executive Director for the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence I provided testimony in that briefing. Testimony about the police commission brought forth many more concerns from our membership, community allies, advocates, and most importantly from victim survivors about the oversight of the Honolulu Police Department. We continue to have concerns about officers who remain on the force assigned to desk duty, when they have committed domestic violence, have TRO's against them, or have committed other offenses.

Since October of 2014 HSCADV has developed a strong working relationship with the CID Unit. We have seen committed officers who want to make improvements and positive change. Keeping officers who are not worthy of demonstrating they can uphold the law in their personal lives sends the wrong message to all citizens of Hawaii.

SB 109 is an opportunity to establish procedures to suspend, or terminate any police officer with just cause. This is an opportunity to make meaningful change and to establish credibility of our police system, and to restore confidence in advocates and victims of domestic violence.

Marci Lopes, Executive Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Bussey	Remington College Honolulu C.J. Student Coalition	Support	No

HB No. 109

I would like to thank the Senators for allowing me to voice my opinion on this bill. My name is Jonathan Bussey and I am a Bachelor Student attending the Remington College Campus in Honolulu for Criminal Justice. I have twenty-four years as a government employee and a total of thirty-three years of military service in the United States Air Force. I am writing you on behalf of this bill to give my input.

I am in favor of this bill giving the Commission the authority to terminate any Police Chief that is not performing the duties that they are sworn to uphold. There are so many unanswered questions in the past as to why the Commission is dysfunctional. After looking deep into the issue, it slowly started to unravel. There is only 22percent of the public that support the Police Commission. The Police Commission is basically have been under the radar with only responding when they are drawn out by the Safety Commission or the Legislature.

The year 2012, the FBI Unified Crime Report showed that there were no reports for that year. The Attorney general Office has no Continuity and the Private Venders were entering the data. HPD points fingers at the system that is outdated yet, in New York, 8.4 million population makes reports and in a small area in Florida with a population of 90 people, they seem to get their reports in on time. The police Commission has constantly been undermined Or have they been negligent?

Giving the Police Commission the authority will prove that they can step up to the plate and start asking hard nose questions to get the facts. If they are reluctant to press the issue to get the answers that the Senate, Civil Rights Commission, Safety Commission, or other agencies and

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Edwin Villanueva	Remington College Honolulu Student Coalition	Support	No

To all the state committee and chairperson, thank you for your time. My name is Edwin Villanueva. I am currently a senior student at Remington College majoring in Criminal Justice and will be graduating in August. I am writing regarding senate bill 109. Recent events concerning the Honolulu Police Department has gotten lots of media attention lately which further scrutinized the role of law enforcement in society. As a citizen of state of Hawaii, I am concern about the negative publicity police officers are receiving as of late. For example, the February 4 2015 Star Advertiser issue that I read recently highlights some of the key issues regarding the mismanagement of the Honolulu Police Department in reporting criminal statistics. Recently, police officers also have used their authority beyond the extent of the law. I believe that creating a state commission to overlook the management of police officers is an important highlight and would benefit the state of Hawaii. Bill 109 adds language that lets the police commission fire police officers that violate the law. I support S.B. 109.

Sincerely,
Edwin Villanueva

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Ricky Boyd	Remington College Honolulu C.J. Student Coalition	Support	No

A BILL FOR AN ACT 109

Good Day Senators, My name is Ricky Boyd and I am a Student at Remington College of Honolulu hear to testify for Bill 109, I thank you for your time.

This bill talks about the police commission and how it shall be properly enforced when necessary. In any type of job no matter what the profession, there is always a "Checks and Balances" to make sure the right people are properly employed.

With that being said, thus there are good cops there also can be bad cops too, this bill shall make sure we make them stay as good cops because we want our local law enforcement to show them who they are and what they are trained to do so and that is to Protect the Law and Enforce it professionally.

We want everyone to see a professional law enforcement and we want everyone to always see it that way as if un-professionalism in law enforcement never existed.

Thank you for listening/reading, have a great day.

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Kenny Wusstig	Individual	Support	No

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Steven Hamel	Remington College Honolulu C.J. Student Coalition	Support	No

Good morning senators I am Steven Hamel, I am in my bachelors program for criminal justice at Remington College. This morning we will be discussing S.B. Number 109. There has been a great deal of problems surrounding the Honolulu Police Department. With this proposition in the bill we will be able to eliminate some of the issues that have been brought to our attention.

This bill will allow our commission to act in the manner in which it was created. The original thought behind a Police Commission is to ensure the Honolulu Police Department is conducting its self in a manner that is appropriate. We are in need of changes to the current structure and I support this bill with the hopes that it provides those needed changes. This will assist our communities and our police officers of all counties are being heard and supported. It will also allow our community to place trust and respect into our officers again. I support this bill. In conclusion I feel that this bill has strong points in them that will allow this bill to be a strong bill. Even if you leave the bill the way it is, it is still a great stepping stone in improving our criminal justice field. Thank you senators.

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Deslynn Ching	Remington College Honolulu C.J. Student Coalition	Support	No

Hello my name is Deslynn Ching and I would like to thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on SB 109. SB 109 is a bill that gives the county police commission the power to fire bad policeman, I don't understand why this language wasn't given. I support this bill.

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leuluniu otineru	Remington College Honolulu CJ Student	Support	No

Comments:

Senate Bill NO. 109

Morning ladies and Gentlemen, My name is Leuluniu Otineru, currently enrolled as a student of Remington College studying for my Bachelor's degree in the field of criminal justice. It is a great honor and privilege to stand before you today speaking on the behalf of the Senate Bill No. 109.

BE IT ENACTED THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

Purpose that county police commissions shall have the duty to establish procedure regarding the suspension, removal from a specified duty for disciplinary reasons, or termination of any police officer.

I strongly support on this bill, because it will set the standards for the Honolulu police department. Each police commission appointment, terms of office, staff powers, duties, and functions of each police commission shall be prescribed by the charter of each county I believe that this will support the foundation of police commission and also responsible what their doing.

Section 2- 2 States that this act will not affect rights and duties that matured, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date, this bill gives power to police commission to hire and fire to get a better chief and making a better for the people from community.

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william	Remington College Honolulu C.J. Student Coalition	Support	No

Hello my name is William Moore I am in the Remington College Honolulu C.J. Student Coalition. I am testifying in for bill 109. This is a bill that gives the police commission the power to fire police officers found guilty of a crime. The police commission was designed to act as an oversight mechanism that is responsible for enforcing the standards of the law enforcement departments. For this reason is it important that the police sits separate on its own ladder of power, however the current powers of the police commission sit under the ladder of the chief of police which severely weakens its abilities. Proposed bill 109 would allow the commission to be separate and as a community we secure a separate commission in a sustained and relentless effort. The powers of the commission would be restored as it should and remove and terminate unwanted corruption of the law enforcement department that directly effects the surrounding communities and the working men and women of law enforcement by hiring and firing the corrupt such as one who abuse the power of the state and commit fraud, bribery, extortion and use resources of law enforcement for personal gain and/or self-satisfaction. Bill 109 is a simple bill with the immense ability to bring about positive change in the department of law enforcement and will have support of the communities passed. I stand in support of this bill thank you

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Valenitia Augafa	Individual	Support	Yes

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen. My name is Valenitia Augafa and I was given the opportunity this morning to discuss the changes that would be implemented within the Honolulu Police Commission in the Senate Bill Number 109. There has been a great deal of problematic situations surrounding both the Honolulu Police Department. With this proposition in the bill we will be able to eliminate some of the issues that have been brought to our attention. Honolulu Police Department's motto is making Honolulu the safest place to live work and play. With a well understood and respected motto, society has an idea with expectation of the Honolulu Police Department, and double standards of the law is not one of them. If the internal model of the police policy and procedure is problematic and has the ability to be dismissed by the individuals expected to not only follow the law but uphold it, then how can we believe in the system of the Honolulu Police Department?

This bill will allow our commission to act in the manner in which it was created. The original thought behind a Police Commission is to ensure the Honolulu Police Department is conducting its self in a manner that is appropriate. We are in need of changes to the current structure and I support this bill with the hopes that it provides those needed changes. This will assist our communities and our police officers of all counties are being heard and supported. It will also allow our community to place trust and respect into our officers again. I support this bill.