

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 204
RELATED TO A VULNERABILITY STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AREAS IN
THE STATE THAT SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY DECORATIVE BOLLARDS.

PRESENTATION TO
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

BY
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DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY
MARCH 19, 2018

Good morning Chairperson Gregg Takayama and Chairperson Richard Onishi and members of the House Committee on Public Safety and House Committee on Tourism.

I am MG Arthur J. Logan, Adjutant General, Director of Emergency Management and Director of Homeland Security. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORTING H.C.R. 204.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center supports a vulnerability study and recommendations for areas in the State that should be protected by decorative bollards to prevent and mitigate vehicles from being used as weapons.

The Hawaii State Fusion Center has been working with agencies within the State to identify events at high risk for motor vehicle attacks and has taken steps to increase communication and prevent suspicious activity.

Vehicles used as weapons have the potential to cause death, injury, and grave economic damage in Hawaii by ramming rented, stolen, or privately owned vehicles into dense pedestrian areas.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testify in **SUPPORT THE INTENT** of House Concurrent Resolution 204.

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March 22, 2018

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety
The Honorable Richard H.K. Onishi, Chair
and Members
Committee on Tourism
House of Representatives
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 312
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Takayama and Onishi and Members:

SUBJECT: H.C.R. 204 Urging the Hawaii Tourism Authority to Collaborate with the Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Hawaii Fusion Center to Conduct a Vulnerability Study and Make Recommendations for Areas in the State That Should Be Protected by Decorative Bollards

I am John D. McCarthy, Deputy Chief, Field Operations for the Honolulu Police Department (HPD).

The HPD supports H.C.R. 204 which urges the Hawaii Tourism Authority to collaborate with the Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Hawaii Fusion Center to conduct a vulnerability study and make recommendations for areas in the State that should be protected by decorative bollards.

The HPD has already begun the process of working with other City and County of Honolulu agencies to identify locations where placing bollards would benefit the public safety in the Waikiki peninsula. This resolution affirms our work and is an encouragement for us to work together in obtaining a better product.

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
The Honorable Richard H.K. Onishi, Chair
and Members
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The HPD supports H.C.R. 204.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


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on

HCR204/HR174

Urging the Hawai'i Tourism Authority to Collaborate with the Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Hawai'i Fusion Center to Conduct a Vulnerability Study and Make Recommendations for Areas in the State that Should be Protected by Decorative Bollards

House Committee on Public Safety

House Committee on Tourism

Thursday, March 22, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Conference Room 312

Chairs Takayama and Onishi, Vice-Chairs Gates and Fukumoto and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) offers the following **comments on HCR204/HR174**, which seek a resolution by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, urging HTA to collaborate with the Honolulu Police Department, the Honolulu Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Hawai'i Fusion Center to conduct a vulnerability study and make recommendations for areas in the State that should be protected by decorative bollards.

HTA agrees that a study on areas of pedestrian vulnerability should be conducted, especially given the many popular shopping streets present in our State, but feels that a State agency with more experience in planning for security-related issues should lead this study. HTA is ready to collaborate with any agency conducting such a study and can offer guidance on visitor experience and perception of the destination as it relates to recommending areas in the State that should be protected by decorative bollards.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer this testimony.