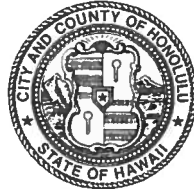


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March 22, 2018

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

Dear Chair Takayama and Members:

SUBJECT: H.C.R. 91 Urging the Honolulu Police Department to open a Police Station on Oahu's North Shore

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

The HPD supports the intent of H.C.R. 91 which urges the Honolulu Police Department to open a Police Station on Oahu's North Shore. The North Shore of Oahu is already served by a reasonable amount of police personnel who work from the District 2 Headquarters in Wahiawa.

The HPD presently has a severe personnel shortage which we are addressing by conducting continuous recruiting. We recently increased patrol beats with a minimum staffing level of 75 percent. This minimum number will increase annually until we are staffed at 100 percent on all beats throughout the island.

At the direction of Chief Susan Ballard, we have begun a study of the current beat structure on Oahu which we hope to complete by the end of the summer. We are constantly evaluating our staffing level and prioritize assignments so that we are able to maintain public safety. Other programs will begin shortly to assist patrol officers in becoming more proactive and visible in our neighborhoods.

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The HPD supports H.C.R. 91.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


JOHN McCARTHY, Deputy Chief
Field Operations

APPROVED:


SUSAN BALLARD
Chief of Police

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Submitted on: 3/21/2018 10:31:48 AM

Testimony for PBS on 3/22/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for PBS on 3/22/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tia Fergusson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hi, I feel extremely strong and in support of having a Police Station on the North Shore. I live near Velzyland and the drug/alcohol, and homeless situation is very disturbing. I have lived on the North Shore since 2000 and I have never felt scared living out here, until now. I was born and raised in Honolulu, and moved to the North Shore to raise my children in a peaceful "country" living setting, which has changed for the worse due to the horrific crimes happening out here. I have raised my children out here, and am very concerned for their safety, especially since Telma's murder, as well as a horrific home invasion recently, located in the Velzyland area. The CRIME on the North Shore has escalated and I am now having to spend thousands of dollars to attempt to ensure my family's safety. I have also been told by a friend who just experienced this horrific home invasion, that the detective said to get a gun and make a saferoom because it will take the Police up to 45 minutes to respond to an emergency call. Also, during the same night of the horrific home invasion, an incident occurred in the Sunset Beach Area where a crazed man with a crowbar insisted on being let into a home. The homeowner refused and the crazed man luckily fled with no harm done to the Father and 2 young Sons. The Police were called and the Police said that they could not patrol the area, nor chase this man in question because there are only 3 Police Officers patrolling the entire North Shore. This is not acceptable!