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Statement of
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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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT.