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Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair

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SB 1298
Relating to Residence Requirement for Appointed Officers

Chair Nishihara, and Members of this Committee, my name is Max Sword, Chair of the Honolulu Police Commission (Commission), here on behalf of the Commission in support of SB 1298.

With the retirement of Chief Louis Kealoha, we will be starting our search for a new Chief for the Honolulu Police Department shortly.

In our search for a new Chief, we would like to extend our search beyond the State for the best candidate that we can find. Having the restriction of a one-year residence requirement, will limit that ability.

To avoid the same situation as has happened at the State level where Governor Ige was not able to appoint his choice for the Labor Director and at the County level where Mayor Caldwell had to make an exception for his choice of the EMS Director, I would like to offer an amendment.

Delete language as follows:

~~...shall be citizens of the United States [and residents of the State for at least one year immediately preceding their appointment; provided that the foregoing one year residency requirement may be waived by the appointing authority when the appointive officer is [required];~~
~~— (1) Required to have highly specialized or scientific knowledge and training and a qualified applicant who is a resident for at least one year is not available to fill the position[.]; or~~
~~— (2) Employed as the head of a county police department.~~

With that change you cover all levels of government.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this testimony.