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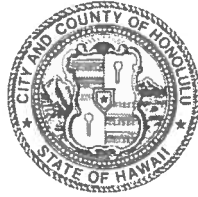
Comments:

This measure will directly impact victims who are minors when they obtain protection orders and prevent them from having to experience the trauma and re-victimization that can often occur when having to obtain a protection order.

Thank you for supporting this measure.

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February 23, 2021

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
and Hawaiian Affairs
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nakashima and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1237, Relating to the Judiciary

I am Randall Platt, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 1237, Relating to the Judiciary.

The HPD agrees with the legislature that temporary restraining orders, protective orders, and injunctions against harassment for a minor typically expire when the minor reaches the age of 18. The 18-year old then has to go to court and refile the order or injunction, a process that can be physically and emotionally difficult and traumatic, especially if the hearings are repeatedly continued. This bill clarifies that the effective period of the original temporary restraining order, protective order, or injunction may extend to a fixed, reasonable date after the minor has reached the age of 18.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 1237, Relating to the Judiciary, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

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Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Randall Platt in cursive.

Randall Platt, Captain
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