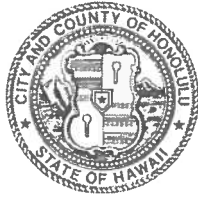


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February 24, 2021

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 428, S.D. 1, Relating to Felonies

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

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 428, S.D. 1, Relating to Felonies.

In adapting to the changing landscape and different modes of public transportation, the HPD supports this bill because it provides an amendment to Section 711-1112 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to include the interference with the "operation" of public transit vehicles. Looking to the near future, the addition of "operation" covers the delay, malfunction, or breakdown of an automated public transit vehicle, system, or service. The HPD supports all efforts to ensure the safety and security of everyone on all forms of public transit vehicles.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 428, S.D. 1, Relating to Felonies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

Mikel Kunishima, Captain  
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