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February 17, 2023

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair
Representative Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

RE: Testimony in Support of HB880 – Relating the Policing

Aloha e Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my **support for House Bill 880**, Relating to Policing. The purpose of this bill requires each county police department to collect, report, and publicly publish certain data regarding police stops, arrests, uses of force, and trends. My support for this measure is specific to improving informed decision-making at the legislative and departmental levels; particularly, requiring police to record demographic data, mental health status, perceived use of alcohol or drugs, and housing situation during their interactions with the public. The data and annual report mandated by H.B. 880 will allow departments and legislators to determine the effectiveness of existing law enforcement measures, identify needs, and make informed decisions consistent with best practices that increase public safety. Additionally, H.B. 880 requires the collection of data regarding an individual's English-speaking ability and disability status to improve fairness to identify and address racial inequity with the services and assistance provided in Hawai'i's criminal justice system, which begins with reliable data from law enforcement.

As this information is critical to improving informed decision-making at the legislative and departmental levels, the passage of H.B. 880 can also lead to increase police transparency and law enforcement accountability. In these specific instances, I support the passage of H.B. 880. Thank you for hearing this important measure and for the opportunity to provide testimony. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

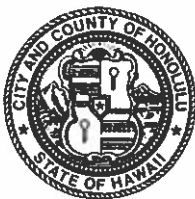
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Council Chair Tommy Waters

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February 17, 2023

The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 880, Relating to Policing

I am Stephen J. Silva Jr., Major of the Information Technology Division (ITD) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes House Bill No. 880, Relating to Policing.

While the HPD supports the efforts to increase community trust, build transparency, and improve internal accountability, providing the required information for all police stops, arrests, and uses of force would be difficult to obtain due to the amount and type of data, as well as the unfunded additional personnel and cost considerations.

This bill would require reporting information related to an arrested person's limited English speaking proficiency and their disability and mental health status, which is contradictory to the Americans with Disabilities Act. As written, this measure requires officers to collect this data based on their perception, calling into question the accuracy and reliability of the data.

We currently collect and report information (such as the use of force incidents, officer misconduct, and general arrest data) that can be readily provided. The HPD also publishes an adult arrest log, which contains information on the arrested party and the charge. However, the HPD does not collect a large portion of the information that is

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required given the capabilities of the department's current Records Management System. For example, a person's race or ethnicity is not captured on a traffic citation.

Furthermore, requiring the collection of such detailed data will result in the prolonged restraint of an individual's liberty as brief, temporary, investigative stops will turn into lengthy, detailed, intrusive interviews.

The HPD urges you to oppose House Bill No. 880, Relating to Policing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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APPROVED:



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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. David Tarnas, Chair

Rep. Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair

February 17, 2023

Room 325

2:00 PM

STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB 573 - FENTANYL TEST STRIPS

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies in Hawai'i for more than two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 4,043 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars¹ and under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety/Corrections and Rehabilitation on any given day. We are always mindful that 918 of Hawai'i's imprisoned people are serving their sentences abroad -- thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Kanaka Maoli, far, far from their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons appreciates this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 573, an effective harm reduction and life-saving strategy.

Fentanyl test strips (FTS) are a low-cost method of helping prevent drug overdoses and reducing harm. FTS are small strips of paper that can detect the presence of fentanyl in all different kinds of drugs (cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, etc.) and drug forms (pills, powder, and injectables).² FTS provide people who use drugs and communities with important information about fentanyl in the illicit drug supply so they can take steps to reduce risk of overdose.³

In April 2021, CDC and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced⁴ federal funding could be used to purchase FTS. This purchase approval applies to all federal grant programs, like CDC's multiyear Overdose Data to Action cooperative agreement, if the purchase of FTS is consistent with the purpose of the program. Allowing federal grant programs to purchase FTS helps create opportunities for

¹ Department of Public Safety, Weekly Population Report, February 6, 2023.

https://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Pop-Reports-Weekly-2023-02-06_George-King.pdf

² <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/forefront.20210601.974263/>

³ <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0407-Fentanyl-Test-Strips.html>

⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0407-Fentanyl-Test-Strips.html>

people who use drugs to interact with community-based organizations who may also offer mental health and behavioral services a person needs.

In Hawai'i, fentanyl test strips are considered as paraphernalia. Here is the first two paragraphs of the summary and Hawai'i's laws⁵:

SUMMARY

Drug overdose statistics in the United States remain grim. Provisional data from the National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shows that just under 106,000 Americans died of a drug overdose in the United States during the 12-month period from November 2020 to October 2021. This represents a 15.9 percent increase in fatal overdoses compared to the same period the year before and a 46.6 percent increase over calendar year 2019. Successfully combatting this overdose trend will be challenging and will require federal, state, and local policymakers to implement a variety of programs designed to help people who use drugs (“PWUD”).

Two of the many emerging policies are: (1) increasing the distribution and use of drug test strips and other testing equipment by harm reduction organizations and PWUD; and (2) expanding the number and scope of syringe services programs. However, state criminal laws pertaining to drug paraphernalia can hamper state efforts regarding both policies. In many jurisdictions, needles, syringes, drug test strips and/or other testing equipment fall within the state's statutory definition of drug paraphernalia and their possession or use is not exempt from criminal penalty. Even if local law enforcement and prosecutors do not actively enforce drug paraphernalia laws with respect to these items, the existence of the prohibition still serves to chill the use of testing equipment and syringe services program services.

HAWAII Statute(s) and initial effective dates(s)

- HAW. REV. STAT. ANN. § 325-114 (West 2021) (eff. 1992) (syringe services program exception).
- HAW. REV. STAT. ANN. § 329-1 (West 2021) (eff. 1972) (definition).
- HAW. REV. STAT. ANN. § 329-43.5 (West 2021) (eff. 1988) (criminalizes drug paraphernalia).
- HAW. REV. STAT. ANN. § 329-43.6 (West 2021) (eff. July 7, 2015) (overdose assistance exception).
- HAW. REV. STAT. ANN. § 329-55(a)(8) (West 2021) (eff. 1972) (forfeitures).

Substantive amendment(s) to law(s) (non-marijuana related)

July 3, 2017 – Criminal penalties for drug paraphernalia violations substantially reduced.

Does paraphernalia include drug test strips or other testing equipment?

Yes.

Does paraphernalia include needles/syringes?

Yes.

⁵ DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: SUMMARY OF STATE LAWS, LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC POLICY ASSOCIATION, Hawai'i at pages 32-33, April 2022. <http://legislativeanalysis.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Drug-Paraphernalia-Summary-of-State-Laws-FINAL.pdf>

Penalties for possession/use of paraphernalia

- The following violations are subject to a fine up to \$500:
 - Using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to make or ingest a controlled substance in violation of the law; or
 - Delivering, possessing with intent to deliver, or manufacturing with intent to deliver drug paraphernalia, knowing or under circumstances where one reasonably should know, that it will be used to make or ingest a controlled substance in violation of this chapter.
- A person aged 18 or older who delivers drug paraphernalia to a person under age 18 at least three (3) years younger is guilty of a class B felony.
- It is unlawful for any person to publish an advertisement to promote the sale of objects designed or intended for use as drug paraphernalia. A violation is a Class C felony.

Is paraphernalia allowed in any context?

- Exchanges under the syringe services program provided in HAW. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 325-111 to -117 (West 2021) do not constitute an offense under HAW. REV. STAT. ANN. § 329-43.5 (West 2021) for the program participant or employees of the program or state department of health.
- The offense of possession of drug paraphernalia does not apply to persons meeting the requirements for applicability of the overdose assistance exception in HAW. REV. STAT. ANN. § 329-43.6 (West 2021).

Forfeiture

All drug paraphernalia is subject to forfeiture.

Other provisions of note

HAW. REV. STAT. ANN. § 329-1 (West 2021) contains a list of factors that a court or other authority should consider when determining whether an object is drug paraphernalia

Recently proposed legislation

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Recently proposed legislation

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Fentanyl test strips save lives. Instead of demonizing people who use drugs, Hawai`i should be treating drug use as a public health issue instead of a criminal legal system issue. We will never end the War on Drugs – one of the biggest drivers of mass incarceration – if we continue to stigmatize people struggling with drug addiction.

We must address the poverty and mental health issues in our communities to tackle the many social issues that drive people to unhealthy behaviors.

We salute Hawai`i Health and Harm Reduction Center and their incredible outreach workers who reach deeply into the community to help people addicted to drugs. Harm reduction is an important strategy to save lives and fentanyl test strips are vital to this effort.

Community Alliance on Prisons urges the committee to pass this important legislation that will save lives.

“With [one person dying every 11 days](#) on the Big Island from a drug overdose, often involving fentanyl, experts say it’s hard to believe that fentanyl test kits are not readily available at local drug stores, health clinics or nonprofits that serve addicts in Hawaii.”⁶

⁶Fentanyl Test Strips Save Lives. Why Are They Illegal In Hawaii?, State Sen. Joy San Buenaventura plans to introduce a bill this session to decriminalize the test strips as Hawaii confronts more overdoses, By [Paula Dobbyn](#) / January 19, 2023. <https://www.civilbeat.org/2023/01/fentanyl-test-strips-save-lives-why-are-they-illegal-in-hawaii/>



TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 880

Friday, February 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM
Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

To: Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair
Representative Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair

From: The Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights
Co-Chairs Amy Agbayani and Pat McManaman

The Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights works to achieve equity, justice, inclusion, uphold civil rights, and eliminate discrimination. We stand in **Strong Support of House Bill 880** which will make data on policing public, accessible, and robust. Importantly, the data may also result in improved police practices and enhanced training related to working with limited English proficient persons.

HB 880 will help to ensure the civil rights of all Hawai'i residents and guard against discriminatory racial profiling and targeting within low-income communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 880

TO: Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, & Committee Members

FROM: Nikos Leverenz
Grants & Advancement Manager

DATE: February 17, 2022 (2:00 PM)

Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHRC) **supports** HB 880, which requires each county police department to collect, report, and publicly publish certain data regarding police stops, arrests, uses of force, and trends.

The availability of this kind of data is critical for police, prosecutors, policymakers, and the public. It will help inform administrative decision making regarding internal and external police practices; augment public and executive deliberations by police commissions; support academic analyses of the operation of the state's criminal legal system; and provide the public with a clearer picture of how each department is fulfilling its stated mission and values. Data is also key for guiding county councils and the Legislature about prospective needed changes to ordinances, statutes, and policies governing enforcement activities, including permissible uses of force, traffic stops, and circumstances requiring arrest or citation. As noted in the [implementation guide](#) of [The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing](#) (2015), ***"Lack of relevant data impacts the ability of communities and law enforcement agencies to make informed policy and practice adjustments based on good information."***

HHRC's mission is to reduce harm, promote health, create wellness, and fight stigma in Hawai'i and the Pacific. We work with many individuals impacted by poverty, housing instability, and other social determinants of health. Many have behavioral health problems, including those related to substance use and mental health conditions, and have been deeply impacted by trauma, including histories of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse. Unfortunately, under-investment in behavioral health treatment and supportive housing have made them prone to protracted involvement in the criminal legal system, [including a probation system that has the longest average term in the nation](#).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Committees: House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, February 17, 2023, 2:00 P.M.
Place: Via videoconference
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i in support of H.B. 880, Relating to Policing

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee Members:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i ("ACLU of Hawai'i") writes in support of **H.B. 880**, which requires the uniform statewide collection and disclosure of certain data relating to police stops, uses of force, and arrests. Passage of H.B. 880 will lead to increased policing transparency, law enforcement accountability, and informed decision-making at the legislative and departmental levels.

Available data shows us that Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and Black individuals are overrepresented in Hawai'i's prisons and jails.¹ These racial disparities in criminalization likely first arise during interactions with law enforcement and subsequent use of force, as well as charging decisions. Despite empirically unfounded beliefs expressed by then-Chief Susan Ballard of the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD") that implicit bias is less of an issue in Hawai'i than on the mainland,² HPD's own reports demonstrate that racial disparities in enforcement, and particularly in use of force, are a persistent problem.³ In 2019, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders made up only 25.1% of Honolulu's residents.⁴ A report by HPD found that between 2015-2019, 34.5% of uses of force were against and 38.1% of custodial arrests were of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.⁵ While correlation is not necessarily

¹ Hawaii Profile, Prison Policy Initiative (accessed Feb. 15, 2023), <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/profiles/HI.html>.

² Honolulu Police Commission Meeting (June 17, 2020), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRhqi5LtWRg&t=2818s>.

³ Anita Hofschneider, Report: Honolulu Police Use Of Force Increased Last Year, Civil Beat (Nov. 11, 2020), <https://www.civilbeat.org/2020/11/report-honolulu-police-use-of-force-increased-last-year/>.

⁴ Hawaii Population Characteristics 2019, Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (June 25, 2020), <https://census.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Hawaii-Population-Characteristics-2019.pdf>.

⁵ Lynn Kawano, HPD report shows police force used most on Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, Hawaii News Now (Feb. 4, 2021), https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2021/02/05/hpd-report-shows-police-force-used-most-native-hawaiians-pacific-islanders/?fbclid=IwAR2FkEPagWHcM05fSd5T_Z_ZgGrcUJraZn9DGkLcFXmbmU1cuTonWrkKZ5Y.

causation, these disparities are otherwise fundamentally inexplicable without significantly more analysis and more robust data collection and reporting. Based on the limited data currently available on all four county police departments' websites, it is difficult – especially for the public and the press – to identify how else racial bias manifests in policing. Uniform collection of policing data will increase transparency statewide in stops, uses of force, and arrests, which is critical to addressing the ongoing harm Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Micronesian, and Black people disproportionately face from the criminal legal system in Hawai'i.⁶

In testimony supporting a similar bill, S.B. 742 (2021), the Office of the Public Defender for the State of Hawai'i (OPD) noted “anecdotally” that law enforcement appeared to substantially enforce COVID-19 stay-at-home orders against Pacific Islanders.⁷ OPD, a state agency, could only make this observation anecdotally because police departments fail to track or report this information. A Hawai'i Public Radio investigation confirmed that police disproportionately arrested Micronesian, Samoan, and Black individuals for violating COVID-19 stay-at-home orders.⁸ The public and the OPD should not need to rely on journalists to investigate and compile data from daily arrest records. H.B. 880 will make this information available and accessible in the form of annual reporting.

Police officers are first responders, meaning they are the first and sometimes only entity called to the scene when someone is in crisis. H.B. 880 requires police to record demographic data, mental health status, perceived use of alcohol or drugs, and housing situation during their interactions with the public. If police departments are not tracking the data required in this bill, how can the legislature adequately respond to community needs? The data and annual report mandated by H.B. 880 will allow departments and legislators to determine the effectiveness of existing law enforcement measures, identify trends, and make informed decisions consistent with best practices that increase public safety.

In addition to demographic data, H.B. 880 calls for collection of data regarding an individual's English-speaking ability, disability status, mental health status, perceived use of alcohol or drugs, and housing situation during arrests and uses of force. Individuals may face a criminal or civil trial where these details, and officers' perception of them, are critical to the record. Asking departments and officers to implement this data collection measure is a small request considering the importance of this data in ensuring just legal outcomes for our community.

⁶ [The Disparate Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System](https://static.prisonpolicy.org/scans/10-09_exs_disparatetreatmentofnativehawaiians_rd-ac.pdf), Office of Hawaiian Affairs (2010), https://static.prisonpolicy.org/scans/10-09_exs_disparatetreatmentofnativehawaiians_rd-ac.pdf.

⁷ S.B. 742 (2021) Committee of the Judiciary Hearing, Testimony at 1 (Feb. 25, 2021), https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/Session2021/Testimony/SB742_TESTIMONY_PSM_02-16-21_.PDF.

⁸ Ashley Mizuo, [Racial Disparities Emerge In HPD Enforcement Of Stay-At-Home Violations](https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/local-news/2020-06-29/racial-disparities-emerge-in-hpd-enforcement-of-stay-at-home-violations), Hawai'i Public Radio (June 29, 2020), <https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/local-news/2020-06-29/racial-disparities-emerge-in-hpd-enforcement-of-stay-at-home-violations>.

Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

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For the above reasons, the ACLU of Hawai'i urgently requests that the Committee support this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Scott Greenwood

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The mission of the ACLU of Hawai'i is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawai'i fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawai'i is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawai'i has been serving Hawai'i for over 50 years.

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HB-880

Submitted on: 2/16/2023 2:01:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nikos Leverenz	Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, & Committee Members:

Drug Policy Forum of Hawai‘i strongly supports HB 880, which requires each county police department to collect, report, and publicly publish certain data regarding police stops, arrests, uses of force, and trends.

This type of data is crucial in ensuring that our state’s police departments are furthering their mission and providing policymakers and the public with information that can help guide oversight and improvements in policies and practices.

Drug law enforcement and other functions of the state's criminal legal system disproportionately impact Native Hawaiians, those from under resourced communities, and other residents significantly impacted by social determinants of health. This includes a bloated probation system that has the longest average term in the nation, as noted by a 2020 report from the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
Honorable Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair

RE: Testimony Supporting H.B. 880, Relating to Policing
Hearing: February 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Brian Black. I am the Executive Director of the Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, a nonprofit organization whose primary mission concerns solutions that promote governmental transparency. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting H.B. 880**.

Disputes persist about whether local police departments disproportionately stop, arrest, and use force against minority groups. *E.g.*, Christina Jedra, *Honolulu Police Chief Denies Racial Disparities Are Proof of Profiling*, Honolulu Civil Beat (July 22, 2020). The former Chief of Police for the Honolulu Police Department questioned the need for police reform and implicit bias training by arguing that in Hawai`i, "we are different." *E.g.*, Anita Hofschneider, *Honolulu Police Chief Hopes Nationwide Reform Movement Skips Hawaii*, Honolulu Civil Beat (June 19, 2020). The police departments complain that this information would be difficult to collect, but have brought this issue on themselves by disputing and ignoring data they already collect that reflects areas of concern.

At the same time, the Judiciary expressly recognized that Hawaii's criminal justice system "is not immune to the types of implicit and explicit bias and prejudice that are found elsewhere." Statement of Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald (June 15, 2020), https://www.courts.state.hi.us/news_and_reports/2020/06/statement-by-chief-justice-mark-e-recktenwald. And the Honolulu Prosecutor recently emphasized the need for more data regarding arrests and race. Blaze Lovell, *Panel: Hawaii Justice System Needs Better Data Collection*, Honolulu Civil Beat (January 29, 2021).

To start to identify and address racial inequity in the criminal justice system, it all starts with the police departments and reliable data.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 9:41:20 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ronald Fujiyoshi	Ohana Ho`opakele	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

My name is Ronald Fujiyoshi and I am testifying in **strong support of HB880.**

Police must be transparent, accountable, and responsible to the communities they serve. A data collection bill is a measured step in advancing transparency and accountability related to policing in Hawai'i.

The mission of the Honolulu Police Department includes "[acting impartially in all situations.](#)" The killings of Iremamber Sykap and Lindani Myeni in 2021 have brought the integrity of this statement into question. Making data on policing public and accessible to all of us helps us analyze the effectiveness of policing in Hawai'i and hold police departments accountable for their unfair practices.

Please pass HB880 so that our communities can ensure that the Police are accountable to us, the people they are supposed to protect.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Ronald S. Fujiyoshi, Treasurer, Ohana Ho`opakele

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/17/2023 2:19:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch Jr	Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i’s oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports HB 880.

We hope you all will support this important piece of legislation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Chair and SCC Representative
Stonewall Caucus for the DPH

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/16/2023 10:11:59 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anthony Grise	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama & Committee,

My name is Anthony Grise and I am testifying in strong support of HB880.

Police must be transparent, accountable and responsible to the communities they serve. A data collection bill is a measured step in advancing transparency and accountability related to policing in Hawai'i.

The mission of the HPD includes "acting impartially in all situations." The killings of Iremamber Sykap and Lindani Myeni in 2021 have brought the integrity of this statement into question. Making data on policing public and accessible helps us analyze the effectiveness of policing in Hawai'i.

Please pass HB880 so that our communities can ensure that the Police are accountable to the people they are supposed to protect.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Anthony Grise

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/16/2023 5:55:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Sarasa	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the Committee,

I am a second-year student at the William S. Richardson School of Law testifying **in support of** H.B. 880. Hawai'i should follow the national trend of adopting a public health approach to public safety. Passage of H.B. 880 will mandate police data collection, allowing us to diagnose and effectively treat our community's social issues.

The U.S. criminal legal system is broken, as evidenced by countless murders of civilians by police and the U.S.'s ranking as the country with the highest rate of incarceration. Other states have recognized the need for change and shifted to a data-informed public health approach to law enforcement. Jurisdictions around the U.S. have enacted similar legislation to H.B. 880 that enables them to accurately identify racial bias in policing through demographic data collection. H.B. 880 also requires police to collect data relating to other social issues, like mental health crises and houselessness, during their interactions with civilians. By studying the data required by H.B. 880, Hawai'i can implement social programs and policies that truly make communities healthier and safer. As first responders committed to public service and safety, police should have the responsibility to record this information.

I respectfully request that the Committee supports this measure. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Emily Sarasa

esarasa@Hawaii.edu

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 1:51:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stand in Support

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 3:38:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

support

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 4:38:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cassandra Chee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

I am testifying in strong support of HB880.

Police must be transparent, accountable, and responsible to the communities they serve. A data collection bill is a measured step in advancing transparency and accountability related to policing in Hawai'i.

The mission of the Honolulu Police Department includes "[acting impartially in all situations](#)". The killings of Iremamber Sykap and Lindani Myeni in 2021 have brought the integrity of this statement into question. Making data on policing public and accessible to all of us helps us to analyze the effectiveness of policing in Hawai'i and hold police departments accountable to their unfair practices.

Please pass HB880 so that our communities can ensure that the Police departments are accountable to us, the people they are supposed to protect.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Cassandra Chee
Chinatown

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 4:45:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martha Nakajima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I agree with ACLU's position. The HPD must be transparent and accountable.

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 5:12:47 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 5:15:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

My name is Nanea Lo and I am testifying in strong support of HB880.

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me ke aloha 'āina,

Nanea Lo, Mō'ili'ili

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 6:39:33 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Police must be impartial and accountable in all situations.

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 8:13:57 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

My name is [YOUR NAME] and I am testifying in strong support of HB880.

Police have literally gotten away with murder and kanakas, and people of color have had a long history of being on the short end of the stick. Police must be transparent, accountable, and responsible to the communities they serve. A data collection bill is a measured step in advancing transparency and accountability related to policing in Hawai'i.

The mission of the Honolulu Police Department includes “[acting impartially in all situations](#).” The killings of Iremamber Sykap and Lindani Myeni in 2021 have brought the integrity of this statement into question. Making data on policing public and accessible to all of us helps us analyze the effectiveness of policing in Hawai'i and hold police departments accountable for their unfair practices.

Please pass HB880 so that our communities can ensure that the Police are accountable to us, the people they are supposed to protect.

Mahalo for your consideration,

tlaloc tokuda

Kailua Kona HI 96740

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 9:30:02 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristen Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

My name is Kristen Young and I am testifying in strong support of HB880.

Police are given power and authority within our communities and therefore should be held to a high degree of transparency, accountability, and responsibility to the people they say they serve. This data collection bill is a measured step toward transparency and accountability related to policing in Hawai‘i.

The Honolulu Police Department claims to serve with the [core values of integrity, respect, fairness, and the aloha spirit](#). The killings of Iremamber Sykap and Lindani Myeni by HPD officers in 2021 should make us all question the integrity of their mission statement. Making data on policing public and accessible would allow us to analyze the effectiveness of policing in Hawai‘i and hold police departments accountable for any unfair practices.

I believe that this bill will promote equal protection, help to prevent unreasonable search and seizure, and hopefully reduce police violence. Please pass HB880 so that our communities can ensure that the Police are accountable to us, the people they claim to protect.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,
Kristen Young
Honolulu resident

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/15/2023 10:00:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathy Shimata	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

- I believe that most police officers & departments intent to serve & protect their communities. However, without numbers & data, it is hard to know what is actually taking place.
- This bill requires each county police department to collect, report, and publicly publish certain data regarding police stops, arrests, uses of force, and trends.
- Making data on policing public and accessible to all of us helps us to analyze the effectiveness of policing in Hawai‘i and hold police departments accountable to their unfair practices.
- Please support HB880.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2023 10:00:33 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

As a concerned citizen and public health professional, I write in **strong support of HB880**.

Police must be transparent, accountable, and responsible to the communities they serve. A data collection bill is a measured step in advancing transparency and accountability related to policing in Hawai'i.

The mission of the Honolulu Police Department includes “[acting impartially in all situations](#).” The killings of Iremamber Sykap and Lindani Myeni in 2021 have brought the integrity of this statement into question. Making data on policing public and accessible to all of us helps us analyze the effectiveness of policing in Hawai'i and hold police departments accountable for their unfair practices.

Please pass HB880 so that our communities can ensure that the Police are accountable to us, the people they are supposed to protect.

With thanks,

Thaddeus Pham (he/him)

Marcella Alohalani Boido, M. A.
Hawai'i State Judiciary Certified Spanish Court Interpreter (Tier 4)
Moili'ili, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96826

To: Rep. David A. Tarnas, Chair; Rep. Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair
Members, House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Re: HB 880. Data Collection; Police Stops; Arrests; Uses of Force; Report
Hearing: 2/17/23, 2 p.m., Room 325

HB 880, Support with comments

Thank you for hearing this bill. Some comments follow.

English language proficiency. As a Spanish court interpreter, I have sat in court many times and listened to a police officer testify that the defendant understood and spoke English adequately. Sometimes they have even denied the defendant's request for an interpreter while police were carrying out a stop or an arrest. And there I sit, interpreting for that same defendant. Interpreters are present in court because an impartial person—a judge—decided that they are needed.

Police are not qualified to evaluate English language proficiency. There is a body of literature and court cases about this. Police are motivated to claim that a person has a much higher level of English language proficiency than is actually the case. Police are neither qualified nor impartial observers. (See: **Fundamentals of Court Interpretation: Theory, Policy and Practice**, by González, Vásquez, and Mikkelson. Copies are available in the Hawai'i Supreme Court Law Library, the District of Hawai'i federal court law library, and Richardson Law School library.)

At the annual conferences of the Hawai'i State Office on Language Access, speakers repeatedly and carefully explained how immigrants may behave when interacting with people in authority. Namely, they will usually answer questions with "yes."

Race/ethnicity. Anthropologists tell us that race and ethnicity are social constructs. As an RCUH researcher, I have dealt with this type of data. My opinion is that race and ethnicity should always be based on self-report. That is how most of this type of data is created. Evaluations based on appearance are not valid, especially in Hawai'i, where so many people are mixed race. Neither self-report nor outside observation are necessarily accurate, as we are learning as more people get their DNA tested. Self-report is the most *respectful* way to obtain this information.

Data collection and reporting. As an RCUH researcher about 20 years ago, I interviewed people in each county police department on how they collected specific crime data. HB 880 proposes the collection and publication of a much larger data set. I agree with this.

There are going to be practical issues about the number of workers needed. The data collection and reporting methods used should be standardized. Training should be provided to the workers by a central state office. My suggestion is that the proposed new data should be reported to the Hawai'i Attorney General, and included in the Hawai'i State Data Book.

Hopefully, my comments are helpful.

Please pass HB 880. Thank you.

REP. DAVID A. TARNAS
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HB880
Friday, February 17, 2023
2:00 pm
Via Videoconference
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania St
IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

My name is Atanaya Davis, and I would like to express my support for HB880, RELATING TO POLICING.

Many other communities require police to release data on their actions. It is the bare minimum action for accountability. Government, like all good systems, is based on checks and balances. The police, with all the power they hold over the lives of everyday people, should be checked and balanced as well.

Especially in these recent times, where we are seeing another wave of mistrust towards police, what people really want is actions to be taken so they have reason to reinvest their faith.

I know there are good cops, and I have been fortunate to meet some myself. Unfortunately, I believe there are also cops whose subconscious bias has led to innocent people being mistreated. These reports will provide objective metrics that will allow us to make data-backed changes for a more fair and equitable police department.

Nobody wins when there is no accountability and no communication. Transparency, authentic communication, and building rapport are good things. That is why I support HB880, RELATING TO POLICING.

Mahalo nui loa for taking the time to read my testimony,
Atanaya Davis

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/16/2023 12:45:16 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Antonio M Davila jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

My name is Antonio M Davila Jr and I am testifying in strong support of HB880.

Police must be transparent, accountable, and responsible to the communities they serve. A data collection bill is a measured step in advancing transparency and accountability related to policing in Hawai'i.

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Please pass HB880 so that our communities can ensure that the Police are accountable to us, the people they are supposed to protect.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Antonio M Davila Jr

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/16/2023 7:58:25 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Mulkern	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you Natalie Iwasa aka Bike Mom and forensic accountant for forwarding me information on HB880

This is public information but not easy to access.....

Why doesn't our legislature pass resolutions that apply to all public information

As President Biden said on NPR radio

“ The government is us”

At least you have access to accounting information that lets you know how our money is spent.

When I send in my testimony in support of this bill I will include Police Chief Lee D. Donohue's July 6, 2000 response to the Kuliouou/Kalani Ike Neighborhood Board No. 2 request for information

Kevin Mulkern

Mulkern Landscaping & Nursery

808 396 6595



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Submitted on: 2/16/2023 10:13:23 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carla Allison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Carla Allison and I strongly support HB880. This data collection bill is a significant step in providing an understanding of what our police force and our community faces on a daily basis in the name of public safety. Making this data available to all can enable our police force and community partners to design actions, such as training and programs, based on facts. Armed with data, we can make wise decisions on our we spend our public safety dollars. Please vote yes on HB880. Thank you!

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/16/2023 10:15:03 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashley de Coligny	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

I am a Kaneohe resident testifying in strong support of HB880.

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Ashley de Coligny
Kaneohe, HI

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/16/2023 11:19:51 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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This bill requires each county police department to collect, report, and publicly publish certain data regarding police stops, arrests, uses of force, and trends. Comprehensive data will enhance transparency by providing a better understanding of the reasons for police stops and arrests.

Data can identify and reduce racial profiling provide more transparency between law enforcement and the communities they serve. This measure promotes equal protection, helps to prevent unreasonable search and seizure, and could potentially reduce police violence.

Please pass HB880 so that our communities can ensure that the Police are accountable to us, the people they are supposed to protect.

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/16/2023 11:43:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauren Taijeron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

My name is Lauren Taijeron and I am testifying in strong SUPPORT of HB880.

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Lauren Taijeron

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/16/2023 2:02:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marilyn Mick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

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Mahalo, Marilyn Mick, Honolulu

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/16/2023 2:08:56 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carmela Resuma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

My name is Carmela Resuma and I am testifying in strong support of HB880.

As someone who has loved ones both employed by the police department and also harmed by the same authorities, I implore you to increase the amount of transparency and accountability by increasing the data that is collected and made available to the public with regards to policing in Hawai'i.

Impartiality is vital to ensure that situations are equitable and just to all parties involved. By creating a reliable and human centered data collection policy, we can all learn how to not only hold police departments accountable but also provide the necessary holistic resources to ensure that the dignity and safety of our community is ensured.

Please pass HB880 to protect our communities.

Mahalo piha for the opportunity to testify,

Carmela Resuma

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Submitted on: 2/16/2023 8:49:00 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarielyn Curtis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

It is clear that Police transparency & brutality is a major issue that needs to be addressed. Police activity should not be a secret. This bill is fundamental in justice for **all** people, especially people facing socioeconomic challenges, who are disproportionately arrested & criminalized.

I, Sarielyn Curtis, support HB880.

*I am testifying as an individual

HB-880

Submitted on: 2/16/2023 11:10:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Serhenetee Tonumaipea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, & Committee members,

My name is Serhenetee Alofa Tonumaipea and I am testifying in support of HB880.

Police must be transparent, accountable, and responsible to the communities they serve. A data collection bill is a measured step in advancing transparency and accountability related to policing in Hawaii.

The mission of HPD includes “acting impartially in all situations. “The killings of Iremamber Sykap and Lindani Myeni in 2021 have brought the integrity of this statement into question. Making data on policing public and accessible helps us analyze the effectiveness of policing in Hawaii.

If we have access to policing data than the public will be able to define what public safety truly means. If there are police practices that are harmful to the public and the communities being served, then making data accessible is the next best way to intervene collectively to prioritize public safety for all in Hawaii.

I think that by requiring police departments to publicly publish data regarding police stops, arrests, uses of force and trends, it can be a start to not only prioritizing public safety, but it also allows for marginalized populations to be included in this priority. The over policing in marginalized communities causes a racial bias, poverty bias and implicit mental health bias. Public safety for these populations means that we can work towards a goal to remove all of these biases with this bill HB880.

Arrests can be lowered, and mistreatments or abuse of power can be minimized if not removed completely. The more time that is centered around measuring the effectiveness of policing will result in the safety of officers, safety in communities and a better understanding of public safety for all in Hawaii.

Please pass HB880 so that our communities can ensure that the Police are accountable to the people they are supposed to protect.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Serhenetee Alofa Tonumaipea.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2023 1:45:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/17/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jim Cooper	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee,

My name is Jim Cooper and I am testifying in strong support of HB880.

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.