

**SB-3211**

Submitted on: 1/31/2022 5:43:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/3/2022 1:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Sylvia Dolena	Testifying for Aloha Animal Advocates	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

I am co-founder of Aloha Animal Advocates and manage one of several Facebook pages to address animal issues. On one of the pages, we are addressing specifically the vicious dog attacks on humans, pets, and farm animals. The majority of vicious dog attacks are reported from the HOVE area in Ka'u district.

Through this FB page, there are many incidents reported of crimes including sexual attacks on women, thefts, and other crimes. Even if properties are fenced, the culprits have no problem cutting through the fences and going into sheds to steal whatever is of value that can be sold.

It is urgent that HOVE have a police sub-station to ensure quick response times and the presence of Police Officers in the area would certainly be a deterrent.

Please support SB 3211.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sylvia Dolena

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 7:41:45 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
MARILYNN ROSE	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

We are retired farmers who moved to Ocean View from Washington 2 years ago. In the time we have been here we have been robbed on 3 different occasions. The HPD responded within 30 minutes because they were already in the area responding to another call. Our neighbors on both sides and behind us have also been robbed since we have been here. Our property is 1 1/2 blocks from Hwy 11.

The corner lot across from us had over 2 dozen abandoned vehicles, multiple piles of trash and a frequent location for drug activity. New owners brought in a dozer and pushed everything to the edge of the property where it now lines their neighbor's property with vehicles on their sides and upside down, torn bags of trash and multiple appliances and mattresses.

Last summer our family visited. I was driving 3 blocks from our house with my 8 year old granddaughter when we saw a pack of dogs circle an elderly man on his moped and attack him when he fell off. A friend was walking 2 blocks away and was attacked by 4 dogs. Fortunately someone was near and helped run off the dogs. The injuries required several stitches in his arm and leg and follow up medical visits. Our elderly neighbor let her service dog out on her front lanai two months ago. A pack of dogs came down her driveway from the road and lethally attacked him in front of her.

Mahalo for considering SB3211. Effective laws are already in place to deal with these issues. It's a matter of having the adequate resources to enforce them.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 4:13:24 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jordan J. Anger	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha, My name is Jordan Anger. My wife, our son Gavin (14), mother in law Joy, and I have lived in HOVE for 8 years. In that time we have seen a dramatic increase in crime in the area. There are over 150 miles of road for just the Hawaiian Ocean View Estates Subdivision, not including Ranchos, Kula Kai, Road to the Sea, etc. The need for a police substation in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates is felt by all in the community, those who have lived here for decades and those who are just moving to the area. Since moving here we have witnessed; abandon cars being dumped, arson, stolen cars roaming around the area, cars without plates or windshields driving around with little consequence, drug usage, and we have read of countless burglaries, theft, and assaults. It seems an awful unnecessary burden for the officers who work so hard for our community to have to travel all the way to the opposite end of Naalehu to book and process, and our community in HOVE deserves the best response times these good officers can provide. My family and I Support SB3211. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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**WRITTEN ONLY**  
TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 3211

**February 3, 2022**  
**1:10 p.m.**  
**Via Videoconference**

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN RURAL DISTRICTS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 3211 makes an unspecified general fund grant-in-aid appropriation in FY 23 to the County of Hawai'i (COH) for the plans, design, and construction of a police substation to serve the Hawaiian Ocean View Estates community, provided that COH contributes a dollar-for-dollar match.

B&F notes that the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

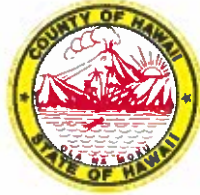
Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

**Maile Medeiros David**  
Council Chair  
Council District 6  
(Portion N. S. Kona/Ka'ū/Volcano)



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January 31, 2022

Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Chair  
Honorable Amy A. Perruso, Vice Chair  
Committee on Agriculture  
415 Beretania Street  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: H.B. No. 1517 – Relating to Coffee

Honorable Chair Hashem and Vice Chair Perruso:

On behalf of myself and as Councilmember representing the rural districts of South Kona, Ka'ū and Volcano Village (Council District 6), I express my strong support of HB 1517 relating to coffee labeling.

On November 3, 2021, the Hawai'i County Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 223-21 urging the Hawai'i State Legislature to amend the coffee labeling requirements for blends of geographically named Hawai'i-grown coffee and therefore I fully support the intent of H.B. 1517 relating to coffee.

I again reiterate the unanimous approval of Resolution No. 223-21 by the Hawai'i Council, and strong support of H.B. 1517. Mahalo a nui loa for your positive consideration.

Very truly yours,

Maile David, Council Member  
Council District 6, S. Kona, Ka'ū, and Volcano Village

cc: [replowen@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:replowen@capitol.hawaii.gov)

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 2:15:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/3/2022 1:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Christopher Garske	Testifying for OVCA - Ocean View Community Association	Support	No

Comments:

**Aloha - my name is Christopher Garske. I am currently serving as President of the Ocean View Community Association. Ocean View is a fast-growing community on the Big Island, currently the 3rd or 4th largest town on the island. The citizens of this community are largely united in their opinions of what needs to be addressed here - crime, abandoned vehicles, squatting and drug dealing, insufficient transfer station resources, and loose packs of dogs and dog attacks. Many of these issues boil down to better enforcement of existing laws. This community desperately needs better policing to address these issues, and I enthusiastically support SB3211 as a needed step in the right direction.**

Support 3211 Funding for Police Sub-station in Ka'u/HOVE

**LATE**

Aloha,

I am an Admin and/or Moderator for 5 plus animal welfare Facebook pages, regarding lost, found, or stolen pets with the mission of reuniting the pets with their owners. I monitor more than **50 Facebook pages daily** for leads and tips on lost, found and stolen animals.

**I have visibility to many other issues posted on these pages.** Crimes and violent crimes are very prevalent OceanView, Ka'u areas. Residents who call for assistance typically have to wait or be told their issue is not a priority.

It is critical to have a well-functioning police station central to the criminal activity occurrences. Please approve funding for a police substation in HOVE, Ka'u district which has been underserved for many years.

There is a disconnect between HPD and the community. The presence of Police Officers in a centrally located sub-station is critical to bridging the relationship and building trust between HPD and the Ka'u community, specifically HOVE.

Regards,

Darlene Makaena

Kulia I Ka Nu'u Outreach Services, a 501c3 non-profit

Big Island Lost, Found, Stolen Pets, on Facebook



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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 3:46:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/3/2022 1:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Paul Montague	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It would be nice if there was a pplice presence at night. If that requires a local station, then so be it. Please do more to get the AV's towed away.

Testimony in support of SB3211:

My wife and I have been residents of Ocean View in the Ka'u District of Hawaii Island for eleven years. Our home has been burglarized three times and have had property stolen from our property as well for losses of over \$2,500. No one has ever been charged in any of these instances.

I have also assisted three property owners in Ocean View to have squatters removed from their private properties. It is not unusual for an owner to wait three hours for police to respond to a complaint because of a small number of officers in Ka'u and the closest HPD office is nearly an hour south of Ocean View. The process for removing squatters from private property takes days to weeks, sometimes months, to resolve and causes property owners much distress including threats from the trespassers.

There is currently a small space in Ocean View for officers to use on a very limited basis. I believe it may have a restroom inside and a desk. It used to have a desk inside and I've been told it has severely limited communications services. At any rate, the space far from being adequate for officers to use as a substation, both in size and infrastructure.

HPD needs a substation in Ocean View to adequately respond to victims of crime, conduct follow up investigations and receive training. Additional officers are also needed to increase patrol throughout the Ka'u District even though funding for additional officers was appropriated a few years ago. There is not even a Detective assigned to the Ka'u Unit of HPD.

I strongly support SB3211 to designate funds to expand the current space or build a new and fully functional HPD substation in Ocean View.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald M Gall

Resident of Ocean View in the Ka'u District

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 6:10:45 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Heidi Jaworski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I would like to testify today in support of this bill (SB 3211), as Coordinator of the Ocean View Neighborhood Watch Group, and as an Ocean View resident since 2005. Over the years that I have lived in my area, the number of residents has increased dramatically, as has the number of crimes committed. Some unofficial estimates of the population of our subdivision alone is 10,000 people. The police officers working in the Ka'u District have to cover the area between Volcano National Park, to just north of Hawaiian Ocean View Estates, which is a huge area, and results in -- at times, very long wait times for residents reporting crimes. For many years we had only one or two officers on each shift, to respond to calls in that entire area. In more recent years we have been provided more officers per shift, but those officers still have many other challenges to deal with, including areas where cell phone coverage, internet coverage, or even basic radio coverage is not available to them. If you are not familiar with our area, the roads run roughly six miles up the mountain and three miles across. Our subdivision alone, is a huge area for police to cover. Currently our officers have a small storefront office with a table, a few chairs, and a restroom. The officers can stop there to write reports, but it is a major stretch to call this a "police station". To my understanding, there is no secure internet service in this office, so communications options for officers are very limited. Once an officer makes an arrest, they have to transport the arrestee to the Naalehu Police Station (14 miles away) for booking, then the arrestee must be transported to either Hilo or Kona, which can sometimes take a huge chunk out of an officer's shift, and leaves us with one less officer to respond to calls. Please, please, keep in mind that those of us living in Ocean View, and the surrounding areas in the Ka'u District desperately need modernization of our police department facilities. We have so many wonderful officer's who work in our district, sometimes putting their lives on the line to protect us - the very least that we can do is to provide them with the basic tools that they need to do the job. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Laura Roberts	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We have long asked for a police station to be manned consistently here in Ocean View. We have a high crime rate and sometimes it takes hours for the police to show up when called. If it is a real emergency, then that could be a bad situation. I personally had a theft in progress at my property. Called the cops and told them there were 2 women robbing my shed. It took them 3 hours to arrive at the property. The women were long gone and were never caught. I support this bill! Thanks!

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 8:36:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/3/2022 1:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Lynn Clarke	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I live in Oceanview, Hawaiian Ranchos Subdivision. There has been continuous illegal activities, abandoned vehicles, and both loose and dog attacks throughout Oceanview, not just in Hawaiian Oceanview Estates (HOVE). People are afraid to leave their homes unattended in the evenings. Snow birds receive notifications that their homes are being vandalized. People are afraid to walk their neighborhood because of vicious dog attacks. Drivers run stop signs and speed. The bad people know it will take at least an hour or so before police arrives. The bad people know to hit homes at night because there's no police staff around. The bad people know they can get away from the police. Residents are tired of calling in their issues because they feel nothing will happen.

Oceanview continues to grow. Homes to buy and rent are affordable, therefore we have a lot of low income people in this area, and people steal items they can turn around and sell. Please come to Oceanview and drive around to see what we see when we drive home. Having police drive around and patrol is not enough. We need police presence 24/7 and we need the police to arrest and keep bad people in a secured facility until they can reasonably be transported. Bad people might think about how quickly police can respond. Irresponsible dog owners might reconsider securing their dogs if they knew police can respond quicker. Review police reports for Oceanview. You will see the crime rate and areas, and abandoned vehicles in this area.

Thank you for your time. Lynn Clarke

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Submitted on: 2/2/2022 12:10:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/3/2022 1:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
SHAWN LOHAY	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I absolutely support the creation of a Police Substation in the community of Ocean View. A Police presence in our community will allow for more rapid responses to crime, and it will also give the poice a better venue from which to patroll other areas of the Kau district without the additional drive time coming north from Na'alehu. The crime rate in Ocean View is seriously out of control and I truly belive having more patrols in Ocean View will have a chilling effect on those activities.

Thank you,

Shawn Lohay

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/2/2022 7:29:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/3/2022 1:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Janice Keihanaikukauakahihuliheekahaunaele- Keanaai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My husband, Samuel and I are in full support of this bill SB3211 to match funding to build a police substation here in Ocean View. How many times we call police and they take hours to arrive. We have so much crime in Ocean View. It would be awesome if a animal shelter with animal control officers which are under the jurisdiction of HPD could be included due to the extreme amount of maulings of people, pets and live stock in our subdivision by stray and feral dogs. Having a police substation is a first step.

Thank you,

Janice Keihanaikukauakahihuliheekahaunaele-Keanaasina and Samuel K Keanaaina, Jr