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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
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TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022, 1:00 PM.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 229 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.C.R. 157 / S.R. 150

REQUESTING THE HAWAII POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PRIORITIZE AN INCREASED POLICE PRESENCE IN OCEAN VIEW AND COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON LOCATING A POLICE SUBSTATION IN HAWAIIAN OCEAN VIEW ESTATES.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony providing comments on S.C.R. 157 / S.R. 150.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) takes no position on where the Hawaii Police Department prioritizes its policing activities. However, regarding the feasibility study on locating a Police Substation in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates (HOVE), DAGS believes the Hawaii Police Department would be best served by collaborating with the Hawaii County Planning and Public Works Departments as the Police Department is a County function and HOVE is not a State-owned or managed district.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

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



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March 28, 2022

Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Via Videoconference

Re: S.R. No. 150 – Requesting the Hawai'i Police Department to Prioritize an Increased Police Presence in Ocean View and Collaborate with the Department of Accounting and General Services to Conduct a Feasibility Study on Locating a Police Substation in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates

Honorable Chair Nishihara and Vice Chair DeCoite:

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 S.C.R. No. 157 relating to increasing police presence in Ocean View and conducting a feasibility study on a location for a police substation in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates.

Due to the significant increase of residents in the Hawaiian Ocean View Estates (HOVE) area, there has been a significant rise in crime, property damage, illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, and dog attacks. Currently, an officer assigned to HOVE Subdivision must process or book an arrestee by transporting the arrestee to the nearest substation located in Nā'ālehu. This current process adversely impacts the ability of officers to adequately and timely respond to other calls arising out of HOVE.

I concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 157 that a feasibility study for a police substation in Ocean View Estates is needed. As well as the Hawai'i County Police Department's presence in HOVE must be expanded to appropriately respond to the need for police safety in rural districts, and the ever-increasing reports of crime in the area.

Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair  
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Mahalo a nui loa for your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

*Maile David*

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

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**SR-150**

Submitted on: 3/27/2022 10:06:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/29/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Garske	Testifying for OVCA	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The vast majority of the residents and voters of Ocean View strongly support this bill.

Chris Garske

President

Ocean View Community Association

**SR-150**

Submitted on: 3/28/2022 10:39:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/29/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sylvia Dolena	Testifying for Aloha Animal Advocates	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SCR 157 and SR 150.

I have been working with residents in the Puna and Ka'u districts of Hawaii Island regarding dog attacks. There are many victims who have reached out wanting help and support. Many times, such as, with dog attacks, the police arrive many hours or even days later. Victims are left to fend for themselves, vulnerable to ongoing harassment and threats.

There is a strong need, especially in Ocean View, HI for a consistent and stronger police presence central to the location of many criminal activities.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sylvia Dolena,  
Aloha Animal Advocates  
Pele Lani Farm LLC

**SR-150**

Submitted on: 3/26/2022 5:31:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/29/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul Montague	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this effort to increase police presence and establish a police station in Ocean View.

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**SR-150**

Submitted on: 3/28/2022 3:33:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/29/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
SHAWN LOHAY	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a resident of Ocean View. I was also a victim of a robbery in September 2021. I FULLY support this legislation to bring a full time Police presence to this underserved community. Ocean View is rapidly growing and in the absence of frequent patrols, people are starting to take things into their own hands in order to protect themselves. The inability of the Police to respond quickly to incidents is not helping the situation. The current 15 minute plus response time is untenable.

Please take this legislation under serious advisement.

Thank you,

Shawn Lohay