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TO: Chair Donovan Dela Cruz
Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Sylvia Luke, Lieutenant Governor

RE: Testimony for S.B. 1527 – Relating to Address Confidentiality

DATE: March 1, 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support of S.B. 1527** which changes the administration of the address confidentiality program from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to the Department of Law Enforcement and appropriates funds for positions, operating costs, and equipment to support administering the address confidentiality program. We defer to the Department of Law Enforcement to determine the need and feasibility of the Address Confidentiality Program Governance Committee as established in the S.D. 1.

The Legislature passed Act 115, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018 and Act 274, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 which protects the confidentiality of the actual address of survivors of domestic abuse, sexual offenses, or stalking from public record. Working together with domestic violence non-profit organizations, the State will assign a substitute address that receives first-class, certified, or registered mail and forward that mail to the survivor's actual address. While I fully support this important program, the open nature of my office and the State Capitol creates safety concerns, and it is more appropriate to house this program in the Department of Law Enforcement where abusers and stalkers would be deterred from visiting.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of S.B. 1527.