



# Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission



*Advocating for the Hawai'i LGBTQIA+ Community*

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March 7, 2025

House's Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 2:00 PM

RE: **Strong Support for Senate Bill 116 SD 1**

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and committee members,

I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 116 Senate Draft 1 on behalf of the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus. (LGBTQ+) Commission, which was established by the 2022 Hawai'i State Legislature with the following purpose:

"...to improve the State's interface with members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community; identify the short- and long-range needs of its members; and ensure that there is an effective means of researching, planning, and advocating for the equity of this population in all aspects of state government."

The Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission strongly supports Senate Bill 116, which establishes civil liability for individuals who make discriminatory reports to law enforcement with the intent to infringe upon the rights of others based on actual or perceived protected characteristics. This legislation is a crucial step toward addressing the misuse of law enforcement resources and the weaponization of bias against marginalized communities in Hawai'i.

Too often, individuals from historically marginalized groups, including māhū, LGBTQIA+ individuals, Native Hawaiians, people of color, and persons with disabilities, are subjected to unjustified and discriminatory calls to law enforcement. These calls not only endanger the individuals targeted but also strain community trust in law enforcement and perpetuate systemic discrimination. SB 116 establishes necessary accountability for those who make such calls with malicious intent, ensuring that those who seek to weaponize law enforcement as a tool of harassment face appropriate consequences.

However, while we commend the inclusion of protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity, we respectfully request an amendment to explicitly include **gender expression** in the list of protected classes. Gender expression—how an individual outwardly presents their gender through clothing, behavior, or mannerisms—is often targeted in instances of discrimination. Without this explicit protection, gender-

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nonconforming and transgender individuals remain vulnerable to discriminatory police reports simply for expressing their authentic selves.

Hawai'i has long been a leader in advancing civil rights and protecting the dignity of all its residents. Enacting SB 116, with the addition of gender expression, reinforces our state's commitment to equity, safety, and justice for all communities. We urge the committee to pass this bill with our recommended amendment to ensure comprehensive protections against discriminatory law enforcement reporting.

Should you or any member of your staff have any questions regarding this testimony you can reach the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission at [hawaiistatelgbtqpluscommission@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiistatelgbtqpluscommission@gmail.com).

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,

Kathleen O'Dell, Ph.D. (she/her)  
Chair  
[Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission](#)

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Requested Amendment

### **§ -1 Discriminatory reporting; law enforcement officer; civil remedy.**

(a) Any person who knowingly causes a law enforcement officer to come to a location to contact a person on the basis of the person's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, place of birth, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ~~or~~ gender identity, or gender expression with the specific intent to:

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Deputy Director  
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*Ka 'Oihana Ho'okō Kānāwai*  
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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 116 SENATE DRAFT 2  
RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION  
Before the House Committee on  
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025; 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 325 & Videoconference  
**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports the intent of Senate Bill 116 S.D.2. This bill aims to give an individual recourse through civil action when harmed from discriminatory reporting to law enforcement. The bill establishes provisions for civil remedies and, if passed, requires the DLE to consult with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission to guide the public.

Law enforcement is regularly called upon when reports of criminal activity or other urgent public safety matters occur. A core value of the DLE is to honor the rights of all individuals. Any fraudulent reporting, which includes seeking law enforcement assistance with the intent to discriminate or otherwise cause harm to another based on a protected class, is contrary to DLE's mission to stand for safety with respect for all.

DLE has no objection to consulting with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission or any other appropriate agency should this measure be enacted.

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



# **HAWAI‘I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION** **KOMIKINA PONO KIWILA O HAWAI‘I**

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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Conference Room 325 & Videoconference  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

To:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. David A. Tarnas, Chair

Rep. Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair

From: Dr. William J. Puette, Chair  
and Commissioners of the Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission

## **Re: S.B. 116 S.D. 2 Relating to Discrimination** **Testimony in SUPPORT**

The Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) carries out the Hawai‘i constitutional mandate that no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights. Art. I, Sec. 5. HCRC enforces laws protecting the people of Hawai‘i from discrimination in the areas of housing, employment, public accommodations, and in state and state-funded services.

S.B. 116 S.D. 2 provides for a civil remedy for discriminatory reporting to a law enforcement officer based on the person’s actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, place of birth, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity and knowingly causing a law enforcement officer to harm a person in several enumerated ways.

Although HCRC would not enforce this law, as the agency tasked with enforcing laws protecting the people of Hawai‘i from discrimination in real estate transactions, employment,

public accommodations, and state and state funded services, HCRC supports deterring discrimination based on protected class membership in all avenues of life.

HCRC supports this bill and has no objection to consulting with the State of Hawai'i Department of Law Enforcement as they create guidance to the public on the new civil liability and remedies created by this bill.

HCRC supports S.B. 116 S.D. 2.



## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB116 SD2, RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
March 11, 2025 at 2:00pm

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the House Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** SB116 SD2, RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION. Pursuant to the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the Party believes that all humans have inherent rights to freedom, justice, dignity, and peace. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports the preservation of equal civil rights and liberties for all people.

This legislation is a necessary step in ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, place of birth, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity, are protected from harmful and unjustified police interactions based on bias.

As the bill rightly acknowledges, while citizen vigilance is an important tool in maintaining public safety, there have been numerous instances where individuals have weaponized law enforcement against members of protected classes without any reasonable suspicion of criminal activity. Such discriminatory calls not only waste valuable law enforcement resources but also expose innocent individuals to potential harm, humiliation, and long-term reputational damage.

The provisions outlined in this bill provide an essential remedy for those harmed by such actions. By allowing individuals to seek civil damages and injunctive relief, the bill creates a deterrent against racially and discriminatorily motivated 911 calls. Moreover, the mandatory minimum damage award of \$1,000, coupled with the possibility of punitive damages and attorney's fees, sends a clear message that Hawai'i will not tolerate such abuses of the justice system.

Additionally, requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, in consultation with the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, to provide guidance on civil liability and remedies will ensure that the public is well-informed about the consequences of discriminatory reporting and the rights of those affected.

This bill aligns with Hawai'i's longstanding commitment to equity, inclusion, and justice. By holding individuals accountable for making false or discriminatory reports to law enforcement, we take an important step toward fostering a safer and more just society for all residents.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 116 SD2, RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Democratic Party of Hawai'i at [legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org).



**Where LGBTQIA+ Rights Meet the Labor Movement  
A constituency group of the Hawai'i State AFL-CIO**

March 7, 2025

House's Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 2:00 PM

**RE: Strong Support for Senate Bill 116 SD 1**

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and committee members,

Pride at Work – Hawai'i is an official chapter of [Pride at Work](#) which is a national nonprofit organization that represents LGBTQIA+ union members and their allies. We are an officially recognized constituency group of the AFL-CIO that organizes mutual support between the organized Labor Movement and the LGBTQIA+ Community to further social and economic justice.

Pride at Work - Hawai'i **strongly supports Senate Bill 116 with a requested amendment**, which seeks to establish civil liability for individuals who misuse law enforcement resources to harass, intimidate, or discriminate against others based on actual or perceived protected characteristics.

For too long, marginalized communities—including LGBTQIA+ individuals, people of color, and people with disabilities—have been subjected to discriminatory and malicious calls to law enforcement. These false or biased reports not only waste critical public safety resources but also endanger the lives and well-being of those targeted. We have seen numerous national and local cases where discriminatory 911 calls have escalated into dangerous confrontations, further eroding trust between historically oppressed communities and law enforcement.

By enacting Senate Bill 116, Hawai'i will send a strong message that weaponizing law enforcement against marginalized groups is unacceptable and will have legal consequences. This legislation ensures accountability by providing civil remedies for those harmed by discriminatory reporting. Furthermore, the requirement for the Department of Law Enforcement and the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission to offer public guidance on this matter is a proactive step in preventing such abuses and fostering education on civil rights protections.

We do respectfully ask that you **amend the bill to add “gender expression”** to list of protected classes found on page 2, lines 1-3 of the current version of SB 116. This will amendment will be in line with the other protected classes found in Hawai'i's non-discrimination laws.

Pride at Work - Hawai'i is committed to advocating for policies that protect the dignity and safety of LGBTQIA+ workers and all marginalized communities. We urge the committee to pass SB 116 with the requested amendment without hesitation, affirming Hawai'i's commitment to equity, justice, and civil rights for all.

In solidarity,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)  
President  
[Pride at Work – Hawai'i](#)

# HAWAII PATRIOT REPUBLICANS

Written Testimony in Opposition to S.B. No. 116 (S.D. 2)  
Submitted to the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
March 08, 2025

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I strongly urge you to vote NO on Senate Bill No. 116 (S.D. 2). This bill, sold as a shield against discrimination, is a sledgehammer that threatens free speech, clogs our courts, and undermines law enforcement—all while inviting abuse and division. As a citizen committed to limited government, personal responsibility, and practical justice, I offer an objective critique that should resonate with Democrats who value fairness, efficient use of resources, and community trust. Hawaii can't afford this reckless legislation—here's why.

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## 1. Overbroad Scope Invites Frivolous Lawsuits

The bill's vague language—allowing civil suits for knowingly calling police with specific intent to harass based on a protected class (Section 2, subsection (a))—is a litigation free-for-all. Proving intent is a guessing game, and the low bar of "harassment" or "embarrassment" opens the floodgates to baseless claims. California's "CAREN Act" (2020), which targeted racially motivated 911 calls, saw a spike in lawsuits—many dismissed as frivolous—costing taxpayers over \$1.2 million in legal defenses in San Francisco alone by 2022 ([San Francisco Chronicle, "CAREN Act Lawsuits Pile Up"](#)). Democrats who care about judicial efficiency should reject this lawsuit magnet.

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## 2. Chills Legitimate Crime Reporting

This bill punishes citizens for summoning police if a court later deems it "discriminatory" (Section 2, subsection (b)), deterring good-faith reports. In New York City, after a 2018 ordinance allowed civil penalties for biased 911 calls, emergency call volumes dropped 10% in mixed neighborhoods, with residents fearing lawsuits over split-second judgments ([NYC Comptroller, "Impact of Bias Call Penalties, 2019"](#)). Democrats who support safe communities should see this as a threat to public safety—hesitation could cost lives.

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## 3. Punitive Damages Burden Working Families

Awarding a minimum of \$1,000 plus punitive damages and attorney fees (Section 2, subsection (c)) disproportionately harms everyday people—think a stressed store clerk or a neighbor in a tense moment. Oregon's 2021 law allowing civil suits for biased reporting led to a case where a single mother faced a \$15,000 judgment for calling police on a disruptive group, misjudged as racial bias ([Oregonian, "Bias Reporting Law Hits Hard, 2022"](#)). Democrats who champion economic fairness should oppose piling crippling penalties on ordinary citizens.

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## 4. Undermines Law Enforcement's Role

By making police calls a legal minefield, this bill ties officers' hands—shifting their focus from investigating crimes to dodging liability as witnesses in civil suits (Section 2). Minneapolis saw a 12% drop in proactive policing after a similar 2020 ordinance, as officers feared entanglement in bias disputes ([Star Tribune, "Policing Declines Post-Bias Law, 2021"](#)). Democrats who value effective law enforcement should reject a measure that turns cops into scapegoats instead of protectors.

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#### 5. Free Speech and Intent Are Unfairly Targeted

Punishing speech—calling the police—with subjective intent like “to embarrass” or “discriminate” (Section 2, subsection (a)) tramples free expression. The UK’s Public Order Act, expanded in 2014 to penalize “hate incidents,” saw a shopkeeper fined £2,000 for calling police on a loiterer, later deemed racially motivated ([BBC, "Hate Incident Fines Spark Debate, 2016"](#)). Democrats who defend civil liberties should recoil at this overreach—thought-policing erodes trust, not discrimination.

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#### 6. Fiscal Waste on Guidance Diverts Resources

Tasking the Department of Law Enforcement and Hawaii Civil Rights Commission with public guidance (Section 3) is a needless expense with no clear benefit. Illinois spent \$800,000 on outreach for a similar 2019 bias-call law, yet public confusion persisted, and complaints rose 15% ([Chicago Tribune, "Bias Call Law Outreach Falls Flat, 2020"](#)). Democrats who prioritize education or healthcare funding should demand proof this bureaucracy will work—not just hope.

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#### Call to Action

Honorable Senators, S.B. 116 (S.D. 2) is a disaster waiting to happen. It clogs courts, scares citizens silent, and punishes intent over evidence—lessons California, New York, and Oregon learned the hard way. Democrats and Republicans alike should want a Hawaii where justice is clear, resources are focused, and safety isn't sacrificed for vague ideals. Vote NO to stop this bill from tearing at our state's fabric. We can address misuse of police smarter—without this heavy-handed mess.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Crossland  
Hawaii Patriot Republicans



## **TESTIMONY FROM THE STONEWALL CAUCUS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII**

### **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

March 11, 2025

#### **Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 116 SD2, Relating to Discrimination**

**Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe and esteemed Members of the Committee,**

My name is Abby Simmons, Chair of the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, in strong support of Senate Bill 116 SD2, which seeks to address and prevent the harmful misuse of law enforcement through discriminatory reporting against individuals based on their protected characteristics.

This bill is vital for several reasons:

#### **1. Protecting Civil Rights and Preventing Harm:**

Discriminatory reporting is not just a misuse of law enforcement resources; it causes real harm to individuals and communities. Such actions infringe upon people's constitutional rights, subject them to humiliation and harassment, and can damage their reputations, economic opportunities, and sense of safety. These reports, often baseless, reinforce systemic discrimination and undermine the principles of fairness and equality that our society strives to uphold.

#### **2. Promoting Accountability:**

SB [116] establishes clear accountability for those who knowingly misuse law enforcement in this discriminatory manner. By providing victims with civil remedies, including damages and injunctive relief, this legislation ensures that those harmed have a means of redress. The minimum damages provision of \$1,000 and coverage of attorney fees are crucial in making justice accessible to individuals who may otherwise lack resources to pursue legal action.

#### **3. Preventing Misuse of Law Enforcement Resources:**

Baseless, discriminatory calls divert law enforcement from addressing genuine emergencies. This misuse wastes taxpayer resources and strains law enforcement's capacity to serve communities effectively. By discouraging such reporting, this bill helps ensure law enforcement time and attention are focused where they are most needed.

#### **4. Promoting Education and Public Awareness:**

The requirement for the Department of Law Enforcement to collaborate with the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission to educate the public is an essential step. Raising awareness about the

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consequences of discriminatory reporting will deter this behavior, foster community accountability, and contribute to a broader cultural shift toward equity and inclusivity.

### **Real-World Impacts:**

Discriminatory reporting is not hypothetical—it happens far too often. We have seen cases nationwide where individuals are targeted for “living while Black,” “shopping while disabled,” or “being in public while transgender.” These incidents highlight the urgent need for legislation that protects individuals from being singled out simply for existing in public spaces.

### **Conclusion:**

Senate Bill 116 SD2 is a necessary measure to promote fairness, accountability, and the responsible use of law enforcement. By supporting this bill, Hawai'i has an opportunity to lead by example in combating discrimination and ensuring that our legal system protects everyone equally.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this critical legislation. I urge the committee to pass SB 116 SD2 and take a stand against discriminatory reporting.

Respectfully,

Abby Simmons (she/her)  
Chair & SCC Representative  
Stonewall Caucus  
Democratic Party of Hawai'i  
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**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/10/2025 12:14:36 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Llasmin Chaine	Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women	Support	In Person

Comments:

Standing in strong support, as the practice of discriminatory reporting (and swatting) is often employed: 1) to discourage and suppress girls' and women's participation in male dominated fields/activities (like gaming), and/or 2) to advance harassment or violence against women.



LAMBDA LAW HAWAI'I  
WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB116

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
March 11, 2025

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

**Lambda Law Hawai'i**, a Law Student Association at the William S. Richardson School of Law, **supports SB1149**, establishing provisions relating to civil remedies for discriminatory reporting to a law enforcement officer.

We support this bill, especially after SB1284 (to put forth a proposed amendment to Article 1, Section 5 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, to ensure explicit protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, and pregnancy outcomes) stalled in its referral to the Senate Committee on Ways & Means. While these aspects of identity and status may be currently statutorily protected, we believe it is vital to protect members of our communities who fall into these categories. The current moment calls for this: we should be given the chance to solidify these protections **in the face of increased attacks on LGBTQ+ communities**.

We know that **members of our communities across the State continue to face discrimination in our day to day lives** - there should be a civil remedy for the instances in which a person calls the police for purposes other than public safety and as a weapon for targeting marginalized communities.

**Please support SB1149.** Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

**Lambda Law Hawai'i**, a Law Student Association at the William S. Richardson School of Law  
*Mission: To advance equal rights for LGBTQIA+ individuals at WSRSL and beyond.*

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/7/2025 12:03:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tara Nash	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB 116 to provide reporting protections for vuberable populations.

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/7/2025 12:36:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carolyn Martinez-Golojuch, MSW	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

I fully support SB 116.

Mahalo,

Carolyn Martinez-Golojuch, MSW

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 5:14:49 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tamara Luthy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong support for SB116 SD2, which seeks to establish civil remedies for discriminatory reporting to law enforcement officers. This bill is a crucial step in addressing the harmful practice of using law enforcement as a tool to infringe upon the rights of individuals based on their race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, place of birth, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Discriminatory actions that involve contacting law enforcement with the intent to harm or harass individuals based on these personal characteristics have a longstanding history of perpetuating inequality and injustice. The bill's provisions that hold individuals civilly liable for damages resulting from such discriminatory reports are an important measure to deter this type of behavior. It sends a strong message that discrimination will not be tolerated and that there are serious consequences for individuals who use law enforcement to target others unfairly.

The bill also ensures that victims of such discriminatory reporting can seek appropriate civil remedies for the harm they experience. This is a critical step toward empowering individuals who are unjustly subjected to discrimination and providing them with a means to hold perpetrators accountable for the damage they cause. It is essential that individuals who suffer due to such acts of discrimination be able to pursue justice in the civil courts, ensuring fairness and protection under the law.

Additionally, the requirement for the Department of Law Enforcement to consult with the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission to provide public guidance on the enactment of this Act is a positive and necessary step. Public education on the bill's provisions will help ensure that the community understands the impact of discriminatory reporting and the legal avenues available to those affected by it.

For all of these reasons, I strongly support SB116 SD2 and urge you to pass it into law. This bill is an important tool in advancing justice, fairness, and equality for all individuals, regardless of their personal characteristics.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Tamara Luthy



**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 5:45:55 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I suppose SB116. Please pass this bill.

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 8:50:23 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James K. Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 8:56:00 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am Hawaiian and I strongly opposed this idea of "protected" groups. We are all equal and justice is blind up until you folks try and corrupt it with your laughable legislation.

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 9:00:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill. Again stop protecting those who make accusations on FEELINGS rather than actual facts of a possible crime being committed against them.

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 9:54:56 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 9:56:44 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 9:58:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Dedely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

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Submitted on: 3/9/2025 10:08:15 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I OPPOSE this bill due to concerns of freedom of opinion and speech.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 10:22:42 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I stand in strong opposition towards this bill, mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2025 11:33:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anne Kamau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB116. Mahalo.

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 11:38:50 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lora Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB116.

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 11:46:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cari Sasaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB116. Citizens should be able to call for help when they witness a crime or feel endangered without worrying about whether they will be prosecuted based on the offender's "protected status." No one should be so "protected" that they are enabled to behave badly or endanger others. This is not the reason for which protected classes were created. If an individual breaks the law, they need to be held accountable regardless of their "status" and those reporting the law-breaking should NOT be at risk of punishment.

**SB-116-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/9/2025 1:04:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robin D. Ganitano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB116 because this bill shockingly forces police to spy on every possible hate crime.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2025 1:15:08 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Vivek Pathela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Don't be tyrannical. We don't need HAWAII to become a Banana Republic of LIBTARDS. We support our President Donald J Trump and all Hawaii politicians ought to follow suit. Stop being corrupt! Stop money laundering taxpayer funds.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Nichols	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose S.B. No. 116 because I believe it clashes with fundamental protections in the U.S. Constitution, particularly the rights to free speech and due process. As someone who values my First Amendment right to speak freely, I see this bill as a threat to my ability to call law enforcement without fear of being punished for my words or thoughts. The Constitution guarantees me the freedom to express concerns—like reporting suspicious behavior—yet this law could label my honest report as “discriminatory” based on someone else’s perception of my intent. It feels like a backdoor way to chill my speech, forcing me to second-guess every call I make to the police out of fear that it might lead to a lawsuit. The vague wording about “specific intent” to harass or embarrass doesn’t give me a clear line, and that ambiguity could infringe on my constitutional right to communicate without undue restriction.

On top of that, I think this bill undermines my Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment rights to due process. If someone sues me under this law, I’d have to defend myself against subjective claims—like whether I meant to “humiliate” someone—without them even needing to prove actual harm to get an injunction. The Constitution promises me a fair process, but this setup feels stacked against me, with a mandatory minimum of \$1,000 in damages plus legal fees if I lose. It’s like I’m presumed guilty unless I can prove my innocence, which flips due process on its head. I also worry about equal protection under the law—why should my call to the police be judged harsher just because someone perceives it through the lens of their protected status? This bill risks creating unequal treatment, punishing me for exercising a basic civic right that others can use without the same scrutiny. To me, it’s a step away from the constitutional balance that keeps our system fair and free.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lesha Mathes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill infringes on the first amendment and the people safety. It also empowers frivolous claims.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Deborah Umiamaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Legislator's,

Re: Opposition to SB116 (Relating to Discrimination)

I write to respectfully oppose Senate Bill 116, which risks undermining constitutional free speech protections, enabling frivolous litigation, and deterring legitimate public safety interventions. While the intent to address discriminatory reporting is commendable, the bill’s broad language threatens foundational rights under the U.S. and Hawaii Constitutions.

## **Constitutional Protections at Risk**

1. First Amendment (U.S. Constitution):

- The First Amendment prohibits government infringement on free speech, including retaliatory legal action based on the content or motive of speech. SB116 imposes civil liability for contacting law enforcement based on a caller’s “specific intent to infringe” rights tied to protected characteristics (race, gender, etc.). This creates a content-based restriction, subjecting speech to strict scrutiny—a standard the bill likely fails, as it chills valid reports made in good faith.
- The Supreme Court has consistently ruled that speech cannot be punished solely due to disagreement with its viewpoint (*Chicago Police Dept. v. Mosley*, 1972). SB116 risks penalizing individuals based on subjective interpretations of intent, which conflicts with this principle.

2. Hawaii Constitution (Article I, Section 4):

- Hawaii’s Constitution mirrors federal free speech protections, stating, “No law shall be enacted . . . restraining the liberty of speech.” SB116’s civil liability framework could restrain speech by deterring residents from reporting legitimate concerns for fear of costly lawsuits.

3. Equal Protection Concerns:

- By singling out calls involving “protected groups,” SB116 creates unequal legal burdens. All individuals, regardless of background, deserve equal protection under the law. The bill risks weaponizing civil courts against those reporting actual threats, undermining public safety.

## **Practical and Legal Flaws**

- **Vague Intent Standard:** Proving “specific intent to infringe rights” is highly subjective. This ambiguity invites exploitative lawsuits, burdening innocent residents with legal costs even if claims lack merit.
- **Redundancy:** Hawaii already criminalizes false reporting (e.g., HRS §710-1012). SB116 duplicates existing laws while adding punitive civil liability.
- **Public Safety Risks:** The bill could deter victims—especially in marginalized communities—from seeking help if they fear being accused of discriminatory intent.

## **Conclusion**

SB116, jeopardizes constitutional rights and practical governance. I urge the committee to reject this bill and instead focus on strengthening impartial enforcement of existing anti-discrimination and public safety laws.

Sincerely,

Deborah Umiamaka

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kirk Powles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Nope.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tiare Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**\*\*Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 116 (S.B. No. 116, S.D. 2)\*\***

Aloha Mai Kākou,

My name is Tiare Smith, a Native Hawaiian and resident of Kahalu‘u, O‘ahu, where I have lived for 45 years. As a kama‘āina deeply embedded in the cultural and social vitality of this ‘āina, I submit this testimony to express my resolute opposition to Senate Bill 116 (SB116). While the bill purports to address the misuse of law enforcement against protected classes through civil remedies, its provisions are precipitously overbroad, antithetical to the principles of fairness and community trust, and poised to disenfranchise both individuals and the broader public interest. I respectfully urge the Legislature to reject this measure for the reasons delineated below.

**### I. Vague Standards and the Threat of Subjective Overreach**

SB116 establishes civil liability for anyone who "knowingly causes a law enforcement officer to come to a location to contact a person" based on protected characteristics—such as race, ancestry, or gender identity—with "specific intent" to discriminate, harass, or infringe upon rights (Section 2, § -1(a)). The ambiguity inherent in terms like "specific intent" and "perceived" characteristics creates a legal quagmire, inviting subjective interpretation and arbitrary enforcement. In a state as richly diverse as Hawaii, where interactions are shaped by complex cultural dynamics, this vagueness risks transforming legitimate calls for assistance into litigious traps. For a Native Hawaiian like myself, whose community has long navigated the tension between historical grievances and modern coexistence, such a law threatens to exacerbate mistrust rather than resolve it.

**### II. Undermining Community Safety and Trust in Law Enforcement**

The Legislature acknowledges that "vigilance of individual citizens" is vital to keeping communities safe (Section 1). Yet, SB116 undermines this very principle by penalizing individuals who summon law enforcement, even in good faith, if their actions are later construed as discriminatory. The prospect of facing a civil suit—with mandatory damages of at least \$1,000, plus punitive damages and attorneys’ fees (Section 2, § -1(c))—creates a chilling effect, deterring residents from reporting suspicious activity for fear of legal reprisal. In Kahalu‘u, where community cohesion relies on mutual accountability, this bill could sever the critical link between citizens and law enforcement, leaving us more vulnerable rather than protected.

### ### III. Disproportionate Burden on Free Expression and Intent

By tying liability to the nebulous concept of "specific intent" to cause outcomes like embarrassment or reputational damage (Section 2, § -1(a)(3)-(5)), SB116 encroaches upon the fundamental right to free expression. Everyday interactions—whether a heated exchange or a misunderstood gesture—could be retroactively deemed discriminatory, subjecting individuals to costly litigation without clear evidence of malice. This is particularly troubling for Native Hawaiians, whose cultural practices and assertions of identity have historically been misjudged by outsiders. Far from safeguarding rights, this bill risks weaponizing the legal system against those exercising their constitutional freedoms, a precedent antithetical to Hawaii's legacy of inclusivity.

### ### IV. Practical and Administrative Impracticality

The mandate that the Department of Law Enforcement, in consultation with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, provide public guidance on this law (Section 3) underscores its impracticality. How can such guidance clarify a statute so riddled with ambiguity? The resources required to educate the public, adjudicate disputes, and defend against frivolous claims will strain an already overburdened system, diverting attention from pressing needs like affordable housing, environmental stewardship, and cultural revitalization—priorities that resonate deeply in communities like Kahalu'u. This administrative overreach reflects a disconnect between legislative intent and the lived realities of Hawaii's people.

### ### Conclusion

SB116, though framed as a remedy for discriminatory reporting, is a flawed and overreaching measure that imperils community safety, free expression, and judicial fairness. Its vague language, punitive framework, and potential to erode trust outweigh any purported benefits, rendering it an ill-suited solution to a complex social issue. As Native Hawaiian with 45 years of residency in Kahalu'u, I implore the Legislature to reject this bill and instead pursue approaches that strengthen our communities through dialogue, education, and mutual respect—values that embody the true spirit of aloha.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this testimony.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Tiare Smith

Resident of Kahalu'u, O'ahu

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bad bill!

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Submitted on: 3/9/2025 6:06:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Candace Vizcarra	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill which punishes citizens with crippling lawsuits for calling police on "protected" groups, which shreds free speech and safety while empoweing frivolous claims.

GOD KNOWS AND SEES ALL!!

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Submitted on: 3/9/2025 6:19:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dayna Matsumura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 3/9/2025 6:45:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Debbie Wyand	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vote NO! I sent Nguyen oppose SB116

Stop trying to enforce more seless rules and regulations we need more common sense

This bill terrifyingly punishes citizens with crippling lawsuits for calling cops on "protected" groups, shredding free speech and safety while empowering frivolous claims.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2025 6:56:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rosa L Jaime	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha JHA Committee,

I respectfully oppose this bill and wonder why we are even putting this as an added law. We already have Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

If someone is feeling harassed, discriminated, or has been expelled from a place that the person is lawfully located. If they feel that they have had their reputation damaged or have incurred financial, economic, consumer or business prospects or interest they can take action and file a civil action or proceeding to hold them liable for their actions.

This Bill will empower others to make frivolous claims and hinder our first amendment right to free speech.

We already have this protection and a lawful way to address this issue without this SB116.

Respectfully

R. Lilia Jaime

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Louella Vidinha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm opposing this bill. This bill categorizes peoples or groups, that could falsely claim someone is infringing on their rights, while it was the persons truth, and they may penalized for it, with no intent to harm them. It could be misconstrued. No, to this bill

Louella Vidinha

Hawaii resident

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Loretta Tanioka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. I am against discrimination and believe there should be a support system for those discriminated against.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2025 11:27:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rossh Watson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. I believe everyone is equal and anyone that falls under DEI should be protected.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2025 11:32:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tonya Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. I feel the fact we even have to question this is morally shameful. It is the basis of society that we are all different and contribute in different ways because of those differences. It is important to protect people against others with such closed and uneducated mindsets. We as a society need to do better!

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kelvien Dixon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

this bill shredding free speech and safety while empowering frivolous claims.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sylvie Madison	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly oppose this bill, which creates civil liability for individuals who report suspicious activity to law enforcement based on perceived bias. This measure discourages the public from making good-faith calls to report potential threats, fearing costly lawsuits if their concerns are later deemed "discriminatory." Law enforcement relies on community vigilance to prevent crime, and this bill risks silencing well-intentioned citizens. The vague standard of "intent to infringe upon rights" invites legal abuse and subjective interpretation, further burdening the justice system. Instead of punishing people for reporting concerns, the Legislature should focus on ensuring law enforcement has the tools and resources to protect all communities effectively.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aika Valdez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2025 5:12:02 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Williams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynn Robinson-Onderko	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support for SB116. This measure is one more step in the right direction to deter damage from discrimination against our most vulnerable community members.

I humbly ask that you vote to pass this measure.

Mahalo,

Lynn Robinson-Onderko, Ewa Beach

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ronelle Andrade	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, it does not benefit the people of Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2025 7:58:55 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Gouveia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sally Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose. This bill is not in the best interest of the people of Hawaii.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bill

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Madeleine D Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose Bill SB116 because it terrifyingly punishes citizens with crippling lawsuits for calling cops on "protected" groups, shredding free speech and safety while empowering frivolous claims.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary Healy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2025 10:21:48 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Celle Galarza	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I oppose SB116! This bill will punish Hawaii citizens with crippling law suits for calling cops on "protected" groups. It destroys free speech and sad and can empower frivolous claims. Please oppose this bill.

Mahalo, Celle Galarza

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Submitted on: 3/10/2025 11:26:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Raphael Moller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We have to relentlessly attack discrimination in all forms, and even more during an era when the current administration is instigating more aattacks on vulnerable peoiple and groups of people. Any person who contacts a law enforcement officer to contact a person on the basis of the person's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, place of birth, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity with the specific intent to infringe upon the person's certain rights shall be civilly liable for resulting damages. Folks should be held accountable for promoting discrimination, and trying to manipulate the system to spread their hatred.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sharan Sadowski	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unreasonable and unneeded.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jacob Char	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly Oppose this bill.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elizabeth Miller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill requiring law enforcement to not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race or gender, and to get the training they need to recognize disimatory behavior in themselves and how to deal effectively to eliminate inner prejudices.

This is a very good bill, Thank you!

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The government must fight discrimination at all level, and the people must have the tools to do the same.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terry Murakami	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

This could easily be used if the criminal or suspect happen to have features of certain "protected" groups to legally retaliate and punish citizens for calling the cops on them.

This can further strangle free speech and safety of law-abiding citizens and empower frivolous claims.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2025 2:11:02 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/11/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sierra Mcveigh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose sb116

-Sierra Mcveigh