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SB601 SD1: RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Chair Tarnas, Vice-Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs:

The Office of the Public Defender (OPD) **supports SB601 SD1**. This bill clarifies language in HRS § 803-37(a) regarding the premises which may be entered pursuant to a search warrant and the means by which the officers can gain entry to those premises. The bill further adds subsection (b) to HRS § 803-37 which requires officers to post notice of the search and identifying and contact information for the search and at least one involved officer. Finally, the bill requires that at the conclusion of the search, the officers secure any entrances used to by them to access the premises.

This bill increases transparency and accountability in the execution of warranted or warrantless searches.¹ On some occasions, the owner or occupier of the premises is not present during the search. Given the highly intrusive nature of such searches and the possibility that such searches may be subject to legal challenges, the posting requirement would inform the owner or occupier or their attorney to know the date, time and purpose of the search and who to contact regarding any questions or concerns as to the execution and propriety of the search. The requirement that officers secure any entrances used upon completion of the warranted or warrantless search to prevent the property from being subsequently accessed by other individuals for purposes of trespass, theft and other invasions of privacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

¹ Subsection (b) also references “warrantless search.” The OPD clarifies that it does not generally support warrantless searches as they are violative of individual’s rights under the fourth amendment to the U.S. Constitution and article I, section 7 of the Hawai’i Constitution, subject only to firmly-established exceptions.

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March 11, 2025

Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair
Representative Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair, and Members
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representatives Tarnas and Poepoe:

RE: SENATE BILL 601, SD1, RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
DATE: MARCH 13, 2025
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: VIDEOCONFERENCE, CONFERENCE ROOM 325

The Hawaii Police Department **opposes** Senate Bill 601, SD1, Related to Law Enforcement.

As proposed, this Bill would require an officer conducting a warrantless search to, upon completion of the search, post notice of the search.

A warrantless search can only be conducted under the few exceptions to the search warrant requirement. One of those exceptions is when exigent circumstances are present such as hot pursuit of a fleeing suspect. In situations such as those, it would not be reasonable to require the officer to post notice of the warrantless search upon completion of the search.

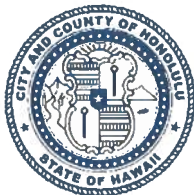
This Bill does not consider the circumstances under which warrantless searches are permitted; and for this reason, the Hawaii Police Department urges the committee to **oppose** Senate Bill 601, SD1.

Respectfully,

BENJAMIN T. MOSZKOWICZ
POLICE CHIEF

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March 13, 2025

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

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 601, S.D. 1, Related to Law Enforcement

I am Major Hunter Ah Loo of the Specialized Services Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.


The HPD supports the intent of Senate Bill No. 601, S.D. 1, Related to Law Enforcement, and offers the following concerns.

This bill intends to require law enforcement personnel to post a notice that a warranted or warrantless search has been conducted on a property and to secure any entrance used by an officer in the search. Our department's concern is the requirement to "secure any entrance," which the term secure can be very subjective. Although the HPD attempts to secure breached doors and/or notify an owner or their representative of the breached door, we do not have the required training to secure an entrance such as a contractor would.

The HPD appreciates the committee's consideration of our comments regarding Senate Bill No. 601, S.D. 1, Related to Law Enforcement, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,


Arthur J. Logan
Chief of Police


Hunter Ah Loo, Major
Specialized Services Division

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:46:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Cordery	ALOHA FREEDOM COALITION	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Adamantly Appose this unconstitutional bill!

This erodes our rights to privacy and opens the doors for corruption!

Hiw are we to verify whether a police officer is legitimate without a warrant? This is heinous and a very dangerous bill!

A'ole!!!

HAWAII PATRIOT REPUBLICANS

Written Testimony in Opposition to S.B. No. 601, S.D. 1
Submitted to the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
March 12, 2025

Aloha Members of the Committee,

I submit this testimony to urge you to vote NO on S.B. No. 601, a bill that mandates law enforcement to post notices after warranted and warrantless searches, secure entrances used during searches, and permits breaking into properties when deemed “reasonable,” while requiring agencies to develop securing policies. While the intent to increase transparency and accountability may seem commendable, this legislation is a dangerous overreach that threatens property rights, public safety, and effective policing. As a staunch advocate for liberty, law and order, and practical governance—values that should unite Republicans and Democrats—I present the following objections for your consideration.

1. Violation of Property Rights and Privacy

S.B. 601’s provisions—allowing officers to break doors, gates, and closets when “reasonable” and mandating posted notices—intrude on the sanctity of private property, a cornerstone of American freedom. The Fourth Amendment protects against unreasonable searches, yet this bill lowers the bar by prioritizing officer discretion over judicial oversight, especially in warrantless searches. Posting notices after such intrusions broadcasts a citizen’s private affairs, potentially stigmatizing innocent individuals.

Democrats who champion privacy should be alarmed. In New York City, the NYPD’s [stop-and-frisk program](#) expanded police discretion, leading to documented abuses—over 80% of stops from 2002-2019 targeted Black and Latino residents, often without cause, per [NYCLU data](#). S.B. 601 risks similar overreach, eroding trust in law enforcement among Hawaii’s diverse communities.

2. Compromise of Public Safety Through Operational Constraints

Requiring officers to secure entrances and post notices after every search—warranted or not—ties their hands in high-stakes situations. In emergencies, such as pursuing a fleeing felon or responding to a domestic violence call, these mandates could delay critical actions, endangering lives. The bill’s vague “reasonable” standard for breaking into properties further invites hesitation, as officers fear legal backlash.

Consider California’s experience with [Proposition 47](#), which reduced penalties for property crimes. Police reported reluctance to act decisively due to unclear guidelines, contributing to a [rise in thefts](#), per the Public Policy Institute of California. Democrats who prioritize safety should reject S.B. 601’s bureaucratic shackles on officers who protect our streets.

3. Unintended Consequences of Public Notices

Posting search details—report number, date, time, reason—sounds transparent but invites real harm. Criminals could exploit these notices to target properties known to have been searched, assuming owners are vulnerable or valuables were seized. Innocent residents, meanwhile, face public shaming, even if no wrongdoing is found. This isn’t accountability—it’s a scarlet letter.

In Chicago, a [“violence interrupter” program](#) aimed at transparency backfired when publicized interventions tipped off gangs, escalating retaliation, per the Chicago Tribune. Democrats who value community well-being should see S.B. 601’s notices as a risk to Hawaii’s residents, not a safeguard.

4. Burden on Law Enforcement Resources and Taxpayers

Mandating notices, securing entrances, and developing new policies strains already stretched police departments. Officers will spend time on paperwork and repairs instead of patrolling, while taxpayers foot the bill for implementation—training, signage, and potential property damage lawsuits. Hawaii’s rural counties, with limited budgets, will feel this pinch acutely.

Look at Seattle, where [police reform measures](#) like increased reporting requirements led to a staffing crisis—hundreds of officers left, and response times ballooned, per the Seattle Times. Democrats who care about fiscal responsibility and effective policing should oppose S.B. 601’s costly red tape.

5. Erosion of Trust Between Citizens and Police

This bill’s heavy-handed approach—breaking into homes and posting notices—will deepen mistrust in law enforcement, especially in communities wary of government overreach. Warrantless searches, already contentious, become more invasive under S.B. 601, while the “secure entrances” mandate risks shoddy repairs that leave residents worse off. This isn’t reform; it’s a recipe for alienation.

Minneapolis offers a stark lesson: post-2020 [police reforms](#) mandating transparency without clear limits fueled a backlash—crime spiked as police morale plummeted, per MPR News. Democrats who seek unity should reject S.B. 601 to avoid fracturing Hawaii’s social fabric.

Conclusion: Vote NO for Liberty, Safety, and Common Sense

S.B. No. 601 is a flawed bill that tramples property rights, hampers police effectiveness, endangers residents, wastes resources, and sows distrust. I urge you—Republicans defending freedom and Democrats valuing privacy, safety, and equity—to vote NO. Hawaii deserves laws that protect, not punish, its people and empower, not encumber, its officers. Reject this measure and affirm governance that works for all.

Sincerely,

Andrew Crossland

Hawaii Patriot Republicans

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SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:00:52 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jamie Detwiler	Hawaiian Islands Republican Women	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION of SB601

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaiian Islands Republican Women stand in STRONG OPPOSITION to SB601 Related to Law Enforcement.

SB601 violates the 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as well as Article 1, Section 7 of the Hawaii State Constitution:

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches, seizures and invasions of privacy shall not be violated; and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized or the communications sought to be intercepted.

I thought policy and laws like this bill proposes only happens in Communist countries. SB601 is tyrannical.

Remember your Oath of Office.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on SB601.

Respectfully,

Jamie Detwiler

Hawaiian Islands Republican Women

How A Honolulu Man's Plight Led To Calls For Police To Give Notice After Warrantless Searches

The City Council passed a resolution requesting that HPD inform residents after doing warrantless searches when they're away.

By [Jacob Geanous](#) / April 17, 2022

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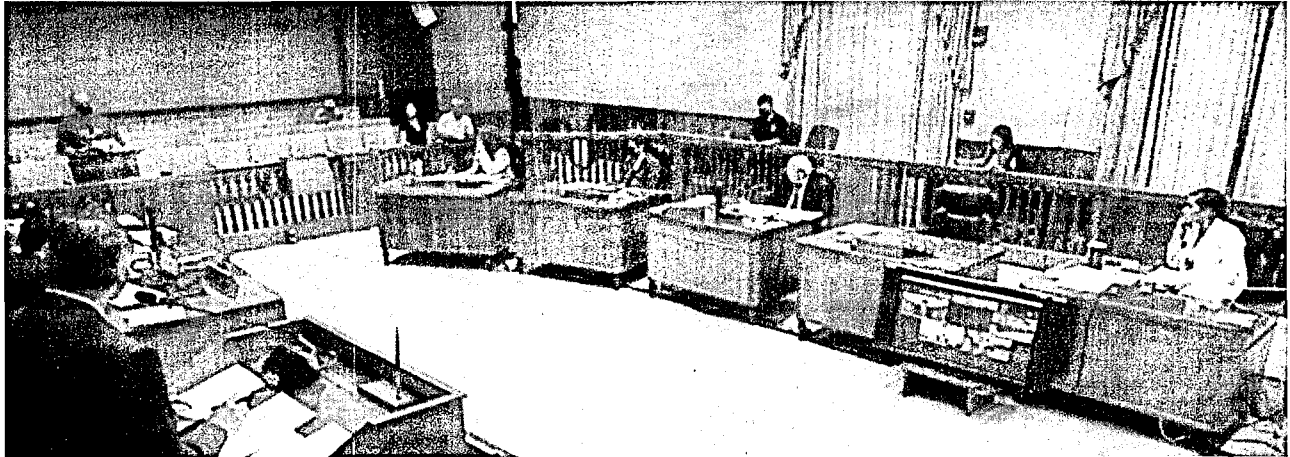
Glen Murray thought it was strange when he returned to his apartment in November to find his door unlocked.

He always locks up before he leaves. It wasn't until two weeks later that a neighbor told the 64-year-old Makiki resident that Honolulu police officers had been in his home while he was away.

"I was in shock, almost disbelief," Murray said Friday in an interview.

Murray then went to management at his apartment building and obtained surveillance footage of his hallway from that day — Nov. 5, 2021. It showed two officers going in and out of his apartment while a third officer stood outside.

"Then I was angry," Murray said. "I felt my privacy had been invaded. I did not feel good. They didn't even take off their shoes."



Glen Murray, left, testified before City Council on Resolution 22-64 which calls for HPD to give notice of warrantless searches at empty homes.

Search For Answers

The incident would lead Murray on a relentless search to find out why officers were in his apartment without his knowledge. His plight prompted action from the City Council.

On Wednesday, the nine-member council unanimously adopted Resolution 22-64, which requests that the Honolulu Police Department provide a notice after a warrantless search is conducted at a home while the owner or occupant is absent.

The resolution does not have the authority of law so HPD will now have to decide whether to amend its policy. The police department said during a council hearing that it will review its policies and procedures. It did not respond to requests for further comments.

“My whole thing is leave the homeowner or property owner some sort of note,” City Councilman Augie Tulba, who introduced the resolution, said in an

interview. "Put something to let them know that they were there. It just makes everything a lot more transparent."

It took Murray, who lives in transitional housing for older adults who had been homeless, months to get answers after discovering that the building manager had let the officers in while he was away.

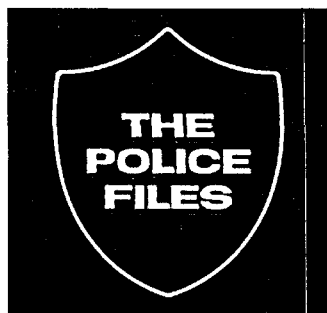
"I felt my privacy had been invaded. I did not feel good. They didn't even take off their shoes." — Glen Murray

He filed a public records request with the police department in December for all reports, call logs and body camera footage related to the search of his apartment.

Ten days later, Murray got a response from the department denying his records request because it said the records he requested didn't exist.

"They weren't forthright and they weren't transparent. What are they trying to cover up? Are they afraid of liability or is there something the officers took? I don't know," he said.

Murray then reached out to the state's Office of Information Practices for assistance accessing the government records and refiled the request with more success.



In early February, HPD responded that it had identified call logs from four officers, body camera footage from five officers, and reports submitted by two officers in relation to the search of his home.

However, HPD wanted to charge Murray about \$250 to retrieve the records, which was more than he could afford.

“HPD puts an exorbitant cost on requests for records,” Murray said. “I don’t have \$250 so I’m going to have to pay little by little and get it piecemeal. I don’t think that’s right either.”

Wrong Address

Murray would eventually learn from the department that the officers who entered his home were responding to a mental distress call from the previous tenant, but he still had no details about how the police ended up in his apartment or what exactly they did while inside.

Last month, Murray took his frustrations to Tulba, who promised to address the problem after the pair talked for at least half an hour in the lobby of Honolulu Hale. Tulba cited Murray’s case as a reason for introducing the resolution calling on HPD to change its policy.

State law requires police officers to leave a copy of the warrant they obtained authorizing a property to be searched, but there’s nothing to leave when the search is warrantless, which may occur if a resident gives consent or if the officers believe entry is necessary to prevent harm, the destruction of evidence or the escape of a suspect.

HPD addressed the issue last month when the resolution went before City Council’s public safety committee, which is vice-chaired by Tulba.



Honolulu City Councilman Augie

Tulba introduced the resolution after hearing from Glen Murray about his ordeal.

Interim Chief Rade Vanic and Maj. Brandon Nakasato explained Murray's case and discussed how they could institute a new policy regarding warrantless searches.

Nakasato told the council that the property manager at Murray's building let officers into Murray's apartment, but officers left after they realized the woman who made the mental distress call wasn't there and recorded the entire incident with body cameras.

"From there I guess the whole incident does stir questions for us to review further our policies and procedures, so we will be doing that," Nakasato said.

Vanic added that searches at empty homes are infrequent and said the department is reviewing its policy regarding how it notifies residents who are absent during warrantless searches.

"I think that is something we are currently in the works of doing and something we can actually do," Vanic said.

Murray, who testified before the City Council vote on Wednesday, said he's grateful for the council's support and hopes the police department will follow through.

"It's up to HPD if they are going to implement it, so that'll be the next step," Murray said. "Also, I'm happy because it gives the officers a layer of protection too so nobody can make a frivolous complaint about them entering their unit and not giving notice. So it works for both of us, the public and the officers."

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Jacob Geanous

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 8:56:51 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael A. Cobb Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, no warrantless searches, bad idea.

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:34:41 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Need a warrant. Not sure why a law like this for invading homes is needed while a lot of homeless related crime goes unenforced. Instead of bills like this, enforce existing laws to help reduce crime now, and help get homeless people off the streets and reconnected with family.

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:36:23 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB601. it is a violation of our right. i urge the committe to vote no

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:47:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:48:45 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bill. This bill infringes on our basic human God given rights. Do not turn us into a communist country and kill this bill

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 7:49:13 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:05:54 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Manding	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB601 it violates my constitutional rights.

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:13:00 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Your desperation to create a more tyrannical government is amazing. Strongly opposed.

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:29:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Penner	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. The state has enough power to subdue and punish citizens already.

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:30:39 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shari saiki Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:31:30 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sally Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:49:21 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
L Toriki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE BILL SB601

Subsection (b) *also references* “*warrantless search.*”

Warrantless searches are a violatiion of individual’s rights under the fourth amendment to the U.S. Constitution and article I, section 7 of the Hawai`i Constitution, subject only to firmly-established exceptions.

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:50:46 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Russell Garcia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill my friend was killed years ago by police going to the wrong house breaking in he was caught off guard and was killed by them . This is wrong I oppose this bill .

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:56:03 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin D. Ganitano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB601 that authorizes warrantless home invasions shattering our rights. This is totally unconstitutional.

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:02:41 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reid Oya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB601

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:15:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lani Primacio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE!!

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:16:18 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tryslynn Kauionalani Jones	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill because we already have steps to handle situations that require what you are proposing in this bill and it is stripping our rights as well.

Mahalo

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:18:00 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jan K Baldado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB 601 SD1.

Mahalo.

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:24:54 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blaine De Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB601

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:34:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dawn O'Brien	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Leaders of Hawai'i's People,

TYSVM for taking time for written testimony as I work multiple jobs to pay taxes & cost of living in Hawai'i & cannot make it to the State Capitol to testify. I'm grateful for this option & your consideration of these testimonies.

I stand in **STRONG** opposition to SB601 authorizing warrantless home invasions & shattering our rights as citizens against our own government & tyrannical powers. The police will be abl to break doors, post notices, & trample liberty. This is astounding excessive force against the populace that pays the taxes to staff law enforcement and legislative bodies, you! How is this a good idea? When would this level of force be warranted against most of the citizenry whom are non-extremists? What is this a set-up for? There are no good answers to this question hence no merited need for such a law as this proposed SB601.

In summary, this bill will introduce Nazi-like tyranny for a bloodlusting enforcement which is never a good idea. I stand in strong opposition to SB601 and urge you to vote against it also.

Mahalo & Malama,

Dawn O'Brien

President, HOPE HI, Inc.

Lifelong resident & taxpaying citizen of Hawai'i for over 40 years

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:06:28 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryan Revell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is unconstitutional and infringes on our rights as private citizens. Stop trying to control us by violating our rights! SHALL NOT INFRINGE IS NOT A SUGGESTION! You are a publ8c servant bound by oath.

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 10:15:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Miles Kushima	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose bill sb601. It truly violates the 4th admendment to illegal searches. Any search requires warrents.

Mahalo,

Miles k.

SB-601-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:04:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deborah Umiamaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

RE: Opposition to SB601 SD1 – Warrantless Searches and Property Rights

Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Members of the Legislature:

I write to strongly oppose SB601 SD1, which expands law enforcement’s authority to conduct warrantless searches, including forcibly breaking doors and other property, without adequate safeguards for constitutional rights. This bill risks enabling unwarranted government overreach, exacerbating systemic inequities, and violating protections enshrined in the Fourth Amendment and Hawaii State Constitution.

Constitutional Violations

- 1. Fourth Amendment Protections: The U.S. Constitution explicitly prohibits “unreasonable searches and seizures” without probable cause or a warrant. SB601’s provision allowing officers to break doors when “other means of entering are not reasonable” creates a loophole for subjective interpretations of “reasonableness,” undermining the Amendment’s core purpose of shielding citizens from arbitrary intrusions.**
- 2. Hawaii Constitution, Article I, Section 7: This guarantees citizens the right to privacy and security against “invasions of privacy”. Forcing entry into homes without a warrant—particularly when police intelligence may be flawed—violates this principle. Historical injustices, such as the wrongful targeting of Native Hawaiian communities, demonstrate the dangers of unchecked authority.**
- 3. Lack of Accountability: While SB601 requires posting notice after a search, it does nothing to address inaccurate intelligence. If officers act on faulty information, families could suffer property damage, trauma, and legal battles without recourse. The bill also places the burden of “securing entrances” on untrained officers, increasing risks of post-search theft or vandalism.**

Community Impact

- **Misallocated Resources:** Hawaii's unresolved cold cases—including violent crimes like rape and trafficking—reflect misplaced priorities. Expanding warrantless searches for minor offenses (e.g., COVID mask violations) distracts from solving serious crimes and erodes public trust.
- **Economic Inequity:** Working-class families, already struggling with Hawaii's high cost of living, cannot afford to repair doors or legal fees from erroneous searches. This bill effectively weaponizes taxes against the communities they are meant to serve.

Request for Action

I urge you to reject SB601 SD1 and instead:

- **Strengthen oversight of warrants to prevent abuse.**
- **Prioritize solving violent crimes over penalizing petty offenses.**
- **Allocate resources to address police accountability and community trust.**

Mahalo for your consideration.

**Sincerely,
Deborah Umiamaka**

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 11:50:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Audie Gerilla	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good afternoon.

I oppose this bill 601 as it provides the police and other law enforcement agencies to conduct unlawful searches and/or seizures on an individual and/or their property without justified cause or warrant from the courts. The 4th amendment of the US Constitution provides each American citizen from such unreasonable searches and seizures from the government including law enforcement agencies. Vote against this bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Audie F Gerilla

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:02:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ezra Sonoda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi my name is Ezra Sonoda as a concerned citizen of the State of Hawai'i I strongly oppose bill SB 601. This bill is not Pono "righteous" and is an unlawful attempt of Government overreach. In the US Constitution Amendment Four states below.

Amendment IV.

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:20:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sean J deMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposing this bill because this is unconstitutional.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:33:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shani Hough	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Authorizes warrantless home invasions, shattering you rights! Cops can break dors, post notices, trampling liberty. We need to figh this outrageous police assault now!

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:35:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah-Lyn Lokelani Jacobson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:42:41 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jamie Yokoyama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB601.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 12:54:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharan Sadowski	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose; interferes with Constitutional rights.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:10:39 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not consent

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:47:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Williams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 1:55:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

I vehemently oppose SB601. The last I checked, I live in the United States of America, not in a comministic country that employs this abhorrent practice. This is a very dangerous bill and the authors of this bill should have their heads examined or should be questioned about their loyalty to The United States of America. You ALL took an Oath to uphold The Constitution of the United States of America. Now, DO IT!, Thank you.

Noela von Wiegandt

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 2:39:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I strongly oppose this bill, mahalo

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 3:07:44 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alika Valdez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 4:26:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pualani Waialae	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No to SB601 !!! This bill is trampling on liberty!!!

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 4:45:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Russell Waialae	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill I don't want cops breaking into my house without a warrant and disregarding our rights. I can already see all kinds of dangerous scenarios with this bill from both sides. Not good!

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 6:01:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James K. Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

By far one of the most unconstitutional bills this session. We have constitutional protections from unlawful search & seizure by the government. Should this law pass it definitely will be challenged and overturned. A glaring example of why Hawaii is the most corrupt "state"

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 8:03:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Louella Vidinha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No to this bill.

This bill can be abused by law enforcement. Etc. No one would be safe. Another one of our basic rights.

The right to our privacy.

Warrantless entry by law enforcement ??

Again, communist, control...

Stop. Stop, stop this !

Louella Vidinha

Hawaii resident

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:18:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 601 and ask you to also. This is an unconstitutional bill denying our rights on our own property. This is government overreach.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2025 9:19:57 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Baldonado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB601.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 1:58:10 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terry Murakami	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

Police should get a warrant before forcefully entering a home. There are many local news stories in the mainland where warrantless police searches end up with tragic results and lead to all kinds of abuses with law enforcement.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 2:21:03 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donna Bareng	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Opposition to SB 601 – Warrantless Home Invasions

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members,

I am submitting testimony in opposition to SB 601, which seeks to authorize warrantless home invasions. This bill is a direct violation of our fundamental human rights and threatens to shatter the protections guaranteed to us under the Constitution.

The right to be secure in our homes, free from unwarranted government intrusion, is a cornerstone of our liberty. Allowing law enforcement to break down doors and invade our homes without a warrant, probable cause, or due process is nothing short of a blatant disregard for the protections afforded to us by the Fourth Amendment. This bill effectively opens the door to a dangerous erosion of our civil liberties, empowering police officers to trample on our rights without proper oversight or justification.

The provision to permit officers to enter homes without warrants not only undermines our legal protections but also sets a dangerous precedent for the violation of our privacy and personal safety. Warrantless home invasions, particularly when accompanied by the shattering of doors or other means of forced entry, represent an unacceptable level of government overreach. The fear and trauma caused by such actions would further erode the trust between law enforcement and the communities they are meant to serve and protect.

Additionally, the ability to post notices without following proper legal procedures creates an environment in which citizens can be blindsided by invasive and intimidating actions, further infringing on our rights and sense of security. This bill gives law enforcement too much power with too little accountability, and it undermines the basic principles of justice and fairness that are meant to guide our legal system.

Our liberties are precious and must be protected, not sacrificed under the guise of public safety. I urge this committee to reject SB 601 and to uphold the rights of all citizens to live free from unwarranted government intrusion in their homes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Submitted on: 3/13/2025 10:55:50 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/13/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Stanwood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is unconstitutional; stop it.