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CITY COUNCIL
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The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety and Economic
Development
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Fukunaga and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 3 (2014), Relating to Nuisances on Public Sidewalks

I am Cary Okimoto, Major of District 6 (Waikiki), Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes Bill 3, Relating to Nuisances on Public Sidewalks.

The department does not have the staffing to recover property or the facilities to store items recovered under this proposed ordinance. To task police officers with recovering property for public sidewalk nuisances will also impact calls for police service. Officers will be unable to respond to calls while they remove the property and submit and inventory all of the items in accordance with custodial procedures. Our policies also do not allow for the destruction of evidence if it is not claimed within 30 days.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Cary Okimoto, Major
District 6

APPROVED:

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Chief of Police

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