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TO: Chair Ann Kobayashi
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FR: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.
Chief Executive Officer

RE: Bill 13, CD 1

Aloha. Please accept this testimony in support of the amendment to adjust the budget for FY 2016, to include an appropriation for body cameras for the Honolulu Police Department, Criminal Investigation Division.

Despite efforts to obtain support for body cameras from the Legislature during the FY 2015 Session, funds were not appropriated. During this past year, there has been extensive community dialogue resulting in broad agreement that support and scrutiny of police response is necessary.

Body cameras can serve as protection for the community and for the police. The successes reported by law enforcement across the country are worth considering. Let us take steps here in Honolulu to strengthen our police response and engage the police to maintain accountability for effective enforcement.

Mahalo for your consideration of this budget amendment.