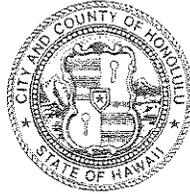


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March 13, 2008

The Honorable Todd Apo, Chair  
and Members of the Budget Committee  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Apo and Councilmembers:

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) supports the Health Services Division (HSD), Department of Human Resources (DHR) in its budget request of \$53,000 for the purchase of a new blood alcohol analyzer. The DHR has always supported the HPD in taking and analyzing blood samples from motorists suspected of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant (OVUII).

Analyzing blood for alcohol levels is a crucial element in the charging and conviction of motorists suspected of OVUII. From 2000 to 2007, the HSD has analyzed more than 1,243 blood samples taken from motorists suspected of OVUII. This represents six percent of all OVUII arrests during this period. Some of the analyzed blood samples have resulted in felony convictions.

The instrument used to analyze blood samples for alcohol is outdated and is a liability because no replacement parts are being manufactured. Should this instrument break down, the inability to analyze blood samples will be detrimental to the prosecution of drivers arrested for OVUII or charged with a crime of seriously injuring or killing another.

The HPD requests that your committee approve the purchase of a new blood alcohol analyzer.

Sincerely,

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for Boisse P. Correa  
Chief of Police

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