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February 2, 2010

The Honorable Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
The House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Karamatsu and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1862, Relating to Public Order

I am Captain Janet Crotteau of District 1 of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department supports House Bill No. 1862, Relating to Public Order. This bill would make permanent the prohibition against urinating or defecating in public within the boundaries of downtown Honolulu by eliminating the repeal date of December 31, 2012.

This bill addresses an islandwide problem that is especially acute in the downtown Honolulu area where people frequently urinate and defecate in public areas. Since its inception in 2004, the HPD has cited under Act 84. We believe it provides the HPD with an additional option when dealing with this problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Crotteau".

JANET CROTTEAU, Captain
District 1

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis M. Kealo".
LOUIS M. KEALOHA
Chief of Police

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From: Frank Lavoie [nb13lavoie@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 5:34 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Testimony for HB1862 on 2/2/10 in room 325 at 2pm

TO: The Honorable Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair and Members
Committee on the Judiciary
SUBJECT: Strong Support for House Bill 1862: Relating to Public Order
DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 2010
2:00 p.m., Room 325

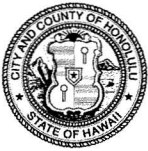
Dear Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Committee Members,

The Downtown Neighborhood Board #13 has voted unanimously to support removing the sunset date on the prohibition against urinating or defecating in public within the boundaries of downtown Honolulu.

The bill was created for specifically for our neighborhood. The citizens support the existing prohibitions and want to see the sunset removed. The Honolulu Police Department was specifically asked about the current prohibition at our January 7, 2010 meeting. HPD said they support the law and have enforced it.

We have seen the success of this legislation and ask that you remove the sunset so that we can know that we will continue to have this legislation to protect us in the future.

Frank Lavoie,
Chair



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**Testimony of
Thomas Smyth, Secretary**

**Before the
House Committee on Judiciary
Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 2:00 am Room 325
On
HB 1867 Relating to Prostitution**

Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Committee:

The Downtown Neighborhood Board strongly supports HB 1862 that removes the December 31, 2012 sunset date of Act 84, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004. This important law makes it a violation to publicly urinate or defecate in the dense business and residential areas of Chinatown, Downtown and that part of Kaka'ako Mauka west of Ward Avenue.

The Downtown Neighborhood Board feels that continuing this specific violation is needed in our area because of the very real concern by our residents, workers and visitors that there are health and sanitation hazards that result from this conduct.

We have urged the City & County of Honolulu to take steps to increase the number and identification of public bathrooms in this area. To date, frankly, little has been done, but there are some public facilities available and we will continue to work to see that they are better identified.

In the meantime, we want to ensure that HPD has the enforcement tools necessary to cite someone who is blatantly acting so irresponsibly. At our monthly board meetings HPD representatives are not able to easily count the number of citations they issue for this offense because it is a "violation" that does not result in an arrest, which is more easily tracked. But they have told us that it does work in many instances. If they testify, they may be able to better quantify these violations.

Help us keep our neighborhood, and your working neighborhood, as clean and safe as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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From: Michael Lakey [michael@kukuiplaza.com]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 1:46 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Strong Support for House Bill 1862
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TO: The Honorable Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair and Members
Committee on the Judiciary

SUBJECT: Strong Support for House Bill 1862: Relating to Public Order

DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 2010
2:00 p.m., Room 325

Dear Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Committee Members,

My name is Michael Lakey and I am the General Manager of Kukui Plaza, located at 1255 Nuuanu Avenue. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 1862 to do something about Public urination and defecation in our neighborhood.

For those of us who live and work in the downtown area, public urination and defecation not only provides a real health risk, but also puts a serious black eye on the reputation of our community. The families that reside here and those of us that work here should not have to be subject to these conditions.

I have heard the argument around the lack of public restrooms, however, it does not make sense that a shortage of public restrooms compute to an open ticket to go to the bathroom wherever you please.

I ask that you please help us with this bill to improve this serious condition where we live.

Thank you again for listening to my testimony.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Lakey
General Manager

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From: Kevin Carney [kcarney@eahhousing.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 7:51 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Cc: Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB 1862 Hearing on February 2, 2010 - Testimony in Support

Dear Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 1862 which removes the sunset date on the prohibition against urinating or defecating in public within the boundaries of downtown Honolulu. EAH Housing is a non-profit developer and manager of affordable rental housing. We manage 859 rental apartments in and around the downtown area.

For those that live, work, or shop in the downtown area public urination and defecation is something we encounter on a daily basis. You smell it in the entry ways, hallways and stairwells of the buildings and parking garages and in the alleys that you pass by. Every day our children experience it on their way to and from school. It is a disgusting ongoing problem that is also a health issue and it needs constant strong law enforcement to curtail it.

Please give HB 1862 your support.

Sincerely,
Kevin

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February 2, 2010

To House Judiciary Committee
Chair Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu and committee members

Re: HB 1863, relating to public order
Hearing at 2:00 pm, February 2, 2010

I am Brian Mizuguchi. For purposes of identification only, I am principal at Central Middle School and am speaking as a private citizen in support of HB 1862, which makes permanent the prohibition of public urination and defecation in downtown Honolulu.

Central Middle School is near the edge of downtown Honolulu and must endure some unpleasant actions of passers-by and neighbors. For the sake of our students, please support this bill.

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From: msboom@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 10:53 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: HB 1862 Relating to Public Order

Dear Rep. Karamatsu & Committee on Judiciary:

Please remove the sunset date of December 31, 2012 on the prohibition against urinating or defecating in public within the boundaries of downtown Honolulu. This should be a permanent law.

I live across from Kamalii Park. This park is small and is bordered by two busy thoroughfares: Pali Highway and Beretania Street. It is in a high-density residential district, between Capitol Place and Kukui Plaza, and there's a fire department building in the same block.

And yet, for unknown reasons, Kamalii Park seems to attract a number of individuals who use it as a public toilet. I personally have witnessed both urination and defecation in that small park.

I cannot imagine anyone would have an interest in opposing HB 1862, but I would like to make my support for it clear.

Mahalo for your attention,

CJ Burrell
55 South Kukui Street D-2114
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 2, 2010

**Dear Chairman Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ken Ito
and House Judiciary Committee members**

Re: HB 1862, relating to public order

**I am speaking as a Chinatown resident and private citizen
in support of HB 1862, which removes the sunset date of
December 31, 2012 on prior law and makes permanent
the prohibition of public urination and defecation in
downtown Honolulu.**

**Chinatown and all of Honolulu need to be kept clean. This
bill will contribute to that effort.**

Please support HB 1862.

Aloha,

**Alvin Au, Esq.
Chinatown resident**

February 2, 2010

To House Judiciary Committee
Chair Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu and committee members

Re: HB 1863, relating to public order
Hearing at 2:00 pm, February 2, 2010

I am Jen Reyes. For purposes of identification only, I work at the Pali Safeway store and am speaking as a private citizen in support of HB 1862, which makes permanent the prohibition of public urination and defecation in downtown Honolulu.

Some Pali Safeway's customers walk on Kukui Street to our store and would appreciate anything to keep our neighborhood clean.

Please support this bill.

February 2, 2010

**Dear Chairman Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ken Ito
and House Judiciary Committee members**

Re: HB 1862, relating to public order (repeal 'sunset')

I am speaking as a downtown resident in support of HB 1862, which repeals the "sunset" date of December 31, 2012 on the prohibition against public urination and defecation in downtown Honolulu.

Please support HB 1862. I know there are objections to this bill from those who want more public toilets in downtown before this bill becomes law, but public toilets have been tried before and have been abused by drug addicts and drunks, e.g., locking up the public toilets for long durations and dirtying public toilets. These abuses have caused public toilets to be removed.

Aloha,

**Richard Miyao, Esq.
Downtown resident**

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From: Diane Dunphy [septemberdmd@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 6:07 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: testimony in support of HB 1862

Chair Karamatsu and members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I am a resident of the Downtown area and I am in support of House Bill 1862. Unfortunately, I have witnessed a lot of people urinating and defecating in public. When I was walking home from work last week, I saw a man urinating on the wall of the State Office Tower. I have seen people urinating and defecating in Kamalii Park which is across the street from where I live.

Please pass HB 1862.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Dunphy
55 South Kukui St. #2404
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Committee on the Judiciary

SUBJECT: Strong Support for House Bill 1862: Relating to Public Order

DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 2010
2:00 p.m., Room 325

Dear Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Committee Members,

My name is Howard Lum and I work at 1315 River Street. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 1862 to do something about Public urination and defecation in our neighborhood.

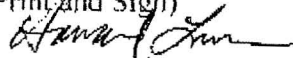
For those of us who live downtown, public urination and defecation is an extreme problem....It is a health problem, as well as an economic problem. Everyday, upon opening, we have to wash down the sidewalks and sanitize.

...

Please help us with this bill to improve this serious condition where we live.

Thank you again for listening to my testimony.

Name Howard Lum
(Print and Sign)



Address: 1315 River Street
Honolulu, HI 96817