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LATE TESTIMONY

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair and Members Committee on Finance House of Representatives State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1513, HD1, Relating to the Weed and Seed Strategy

I am Major William R. Chur of District 5 (Kalihi) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 1513, HD1. This bill establishes a permanent Weed and Seed program within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and appropriates funds to maintain the Weed and Seed operations in the Ala Moana, Chinatown, Downtown Honolulu, Kalihi, Waipahu, and the Ewa Beach communities.

As a partner in the Weed and Seed program since its inception several years ago, the HPD recognizes the benefits of the program in reducing crime and improving the quality of life for people who live and work in the Weed and Seed designated communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

William Chan WILLIAM R. CHUR, Major

District 5

APPROVED: