## SB110,SD1 Testimony

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair and Members Committee on Judiciary and Labor The Senate State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 110, S.D. 1, Relating to Intoxicating Liquor Violations Involving Minors

I am Janna Mizuo, Major of the Community Affairs Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) opposes Senate Bill No. 110, S.D. 1. We need to send a strong message to minors that underage drinking in any form is not condoned. It is the responsibility of those in the presence of minors to report and/or prevent underage minors from consuming alcohol.

By giving minor(s) immunity from prosecution, even under limited circumstances, it sends a mixed message to the minor that it is okay to consume alcohol as long as they provide assistance to another minor who may require medical attention.

The HPD advocates zero tolerance for underage drinking.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

LOUIS M. KEAL Chief of Police JANNĂ MIZVO, Major Community Affairs Division