SB 1237

RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

Authorizes the Department of Health to provide certain public health records to law enforcement officers to facilitate criminal investigations.

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February 8, 2011

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair and Members
Committee on Health
The Honorable Will Espero, Chair and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Green and Espero and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 1237, Relating to the Disclosure of Vital Statistics Records to Law Enforcement Officers

I am Lester Hite, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department supports Senate Bill No. 1237, Relating to the Disclosure of Vital Statistics Records to Law Enforcement Officers. This bill seeks to amend section 338-18 (b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes which would allow law enforcement officers to obtain vital statistics during the course of an investigation.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to support Senate Bill No. 1237, Relating to the Disclosure of Vital Statistics Records to Law Enforcement Officers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

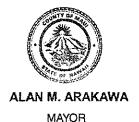
Sincerely,

APPROVED:

LESTER HITE, Captain

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February 7, 2011

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair and Members of the Committee on Health The Senate State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Wil Espero, Chair and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs The Senate State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Bill No. 1237, Relating to the Disclosure of Vital Statistics Records to Law Enforcement Officers

Dear Chair Green, Chair Esperso, and Members of the Committees:

The Maui Police Department supports the passage of S.B. No. 1237. Law enforcement needs to access vital statistics records during the course of investigating or prosecuting a crime. This bill seeks to amend Section 338-18(b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, that would allow law enforcement to obtain said information during an investigation.

The Maui Police Department asks for your support for S.B. No. 1237.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GARY A. YABUTA

Chief of Police



TESTIMONY ON SB 1237 RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs Chair, Senator Will Espero
Vice Chair Senator Michelle Kidani
Committee on Health
Chair, Senator Josh Green
Vice Chair Senator Clarence K. Nishihara

Date of Hearing: Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224

Testifier: Jean Aoki, LWV Legislative Committee,

Chairs Senator Espero and Senator Green, Vice Chairs Senator Kidani and Senator Nishihara, members of PGM and HTH,

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii doesn't know whether an officer really needs anyone's health statistics when conducting a criminal investigation. In the event that this committee feels that such access is necessary, we would feel more comfortable if another requirement were a signed statement by the officer's superior attesting to the need for such access.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB 1237.