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The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair and Members Committee on Human Services House of Representatives State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Mizuno and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 2235, Relating to Prostitution

I am John McEntire, Major of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 2235, Relating to Prostitution, as written.

The bill allows anyone convicted of prostitution and other related offenses to file a motion to vacate the conviction based on participation which was the result of the person having been a "victim" of section 712-1202, Promoting Prostitution in the First Degree, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or section 712-1203, Promoting Prostitution in the Second Degree.

Because section 712-1203 does not include the elements of force, threat, fraud, or intimidation, the inclusion of this section would allow anyone convicted of prostitution who had a "pimp" or was otherwise assisted by someone who advances or profits from prostitution, to file the motion.

We do not oppose the bill as it applies to those whose participation in the offense is the result of victimization by section 712-1202 or by any other form of force, threat, fraud, or intimidation.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to oppose House Bill No. 2235, Relating to Prostitution.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

JOHN MCENTIRE, Major Narcotics/Vice Division

APPROVED:

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