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March 12, 2013

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair and Members Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs State Senate Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 944, Relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act

I am Jerry Inouye, Major of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department supports House Bill No. 944, Relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

The proposed amendments will update chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, with changes made to the Federal Controlled Substances Act by adding certain classes of anabolic steroids to Schedule III. It also adds Tetramethylcyclopropanoylindoles to the list of synthetic cannabinoid class, Schedule I hallucinogenic substances. This addresses a new class of synthetic cannabinoid here in Hawaii.

The bill uses a general chemical class approach intended to prevent manufacturers from making slight changes to go from scheduled to unscheduled compounds.

In the interest of public health and safety, the Honolulu Police Department strongly urges you to support House Bill No. 944, Relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Chief of Police

Sincerely,

JERRY NOUYE, Major Narcotics/Vice Division

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