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February 5, 2015

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair and Members Committee on Judiciary State House of Representatives Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 364, Relating to Nuisance Abatement

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. 364, Relating to Nuisance Abatement.

Illegal gambling establishments attract other types of criminal activity, including assaults, robberies, firearms offenses, and narcotics offenses. Enforcement action is taken regularly at these illegal establishments, but it appears that when one is closed down, another one opens in its place.

Passage of this bill would provide a long-term solution to a chronic problem. It would give law enforcement a necessary tool to dismantle an illegal gambling enterprise.

The Honolulu Police Department urges you to support House Bill No. 364, Relating to Nuisance Abatement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

JERRY INOUYE, Major Narcotics/Vice Division

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