

From: Bryson Ponce <bponce@kauai.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 9:25 AM
To: PSMTestimony
Cc: Darryl Perry
Subject: Kauai Police Department Testimony / Senate Bill 191

LATE

Aloha Senator Espero,

On behalf of the County of Kauai, Kauai Police Department, Police Chief Darryl Perry, we strongly support Senate Bill 191 related to Pawnbrokers; Secondhand Dealers; Records of Transactions. From our experience in dealing with the mandatory reporting requirements from Pawnshops and Secondhand Dealers, we have found that by having too many ways/options to report transactions causes time delays and clarity issues of being able to read illegible handwriting and also in relation to black and white or unclear scanned photographs being submitted instead of clear, colored photographs. If the Kauai Police Department could mandate that reporting be done electronically only through a secure system in which we would establish with our respective Pawn Shops and Second Hand Dealers, this would help with having a better tracking system and accountability system. The whole intent of the Mandatory reporting law for Pawn Shops and Second Hand Dealers was to try and deter, minimize, prevent, and solve property crimes such as commercial and residential burglaries, thefts, and car break-ins. With this being said, it makes sense to come up with a reporting system of each Police Department's choice that would make it easier to accomplish monitoring and regulating this lucrative industry. Thank you very much for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Bryson M. Ponce
Acting Captain
Investigative Services Bureau
Kauai Police Department
3990 Kaana Street Suite 200
Lihue HI 96766
Phone number: 808-241-1681

On Behalf of Darryl D. Perry
Chief of Police
Kauai Police Department