#### HB-571-HD-1 Submitted on: 2/22/2021 11:23:12 AM Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacob Makaiwi	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

Aloha, my name is Jacob Makaiwi, and I am in favor of this bill which "Establishes the felony offense of importation, sale, or possession of a childlike sex doll." There are many things in this world that can be troubling but finding out that there are such things as childlike sex dolls completely caught me off guard. My natural instincts, and I am sure most others, would agree that childlike sex dolls should not be allowed in society. I agree with the supporting evidence given in the bill, which states the reasons why childlike sex dolls are harmful. One reason I am against childlike sex dolls is because of it contributing to acting upon possible desire of having sex with minors. I personally think that desires are something we cannot initially control but taking actions on our desires can and at times should be controlled. I will explain this using personal examples. I have a major sweet tooth, so I love eating candies and sugary snacks. If I acted on my strong desires to eat sweets and candies all day long, then my health would deteriorate dramatically. Doing this obviously would not be good for me. I am also a heterosexual man who is in a great marriage with my wife. I love my wife and she also loves me. Although she is the only one I have sexual relationships with, as a heterosexual man I still am sexually attracted to other women. My personal belief is that I know it is wrong to cheat on my wife with other women and I never plan to do it. Yet if I were to act upon those desires to have sex with other women, I would be doing what I know is wrong and I would suffer all the consequences that follow. Even if I were to watch pornography of other women, I would be acting upon that desire. My wife would leave me or if she were to stay with me, she would have trust issues with me. I would hurt her, and I would hurt our marriage. Again, this would not be good. I understand that some people may have desires to have sex with minors or may have desires to watch child pornography. That desire may be hard for them to control, but if they are not acting upon that desire then to me it is fine. The key question for me is, are they acting on those desires? Having childlike sex dolls contributes to acting upon that desire. By using those dolls sexually, they are acting upon their desires of having sex with children. That is one major reason I agree with this bill in that possession or selling childlike sex dolls should have felony offenses. Our society already has no tolerance for adults having sexual relationships with minors. Our society also has no tolerance for child pornography, including possession or distribution of it. We have criminal charges for those caught doing these things. I think that the same reasons for those things being deemed criminal by society are the same reasons why childlike sex dolls should also be deemed criminal. I have one last example. I do not know all the logistics, but I remember the infamous serial killer Ted Bundy stating that many reasons for him raping

and killing many women victims was because of pornography. In time the pornography he watched did not satisfy him. In order to try finding similar satisfaction, he began committing these crimes to his victims. I believe these childlike sex dolls could have the same effect, where having sex with a childlike doll is not enough and those with these dolls will start targeting minors. We must protect our minors. It does not matter if they are one years old or just about to turn 18. There are many harmful things done to our youth, and these childlike sex dolls are another tool used to cause harm to them. This bill will help give us one less thing for us to worry about when it comes to protecting the children and youth of our society. Please allow this bill to move forward. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

Jacob Makaiwi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor K. Ramos	Maui Police Department	Support	No

Comments:

We support this bill.

Our (kakou) responsible must protect our children.

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## TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 571, HOUSE DRAFT 1 RELATING TO CHILDLIKE SEX DOLLS. By Max N. Otani, Director

House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair

> Thursday, February 23, 2021; 2:00 p.m. Via Video Conference

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) offers comments on House Bill (HB) 571, House Draft (HD) 1, which establishes a felony offense for the importation, sale, or possession of childlike sex dolls.

PSD is supportive of any measure that reduces sexual abuse and sex assaults on the Hawaii's children. This measure will help to protect Hawaii's children from sexual predators.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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## THE HONORABLE MARK M. NAKASHIMA, CHAIR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY Thirty-first State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawai`i

February 23, 2021

## RE: H.B. 571, H.D. 1; RELATING TO CHILDLIKE SEX DOLLS.

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, members of the House Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in <u>support</u> of H.B. 571, H.D. 1, and recommends several amendments.

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the importation, sale or possession of childlike sex dolls. While the Department has not yet come across any of these dolls, it is quite possible that they have been coming into or through Hawaii undetected, as they are not yet prohibited.

Given the strong likelihood for these dolls to be used to reinforce pedophilic thoughts, or to groom potential child victims, the Department strongly agrees that these objects present a serious risk to public safety and should be prohibited. If the Committee passes this bill, there may be places where specific language could be improved upon, such as amending "sexual stimulation or gratification" (page 3, line 19) to "sexual stimulation, gratification, or perversion," to mirror language from the definition of "sexual conduct," in Section 712-1210, Hawaii Revised Statutes. We would also recommend adding the words "of Hawaii" to page 3, line 8, after the word "State."

In addition, it is unclear why the bill requires ten of these objects before the offense increases to a class B felony. If possible, we would recommend lowering that number—perhaps to five or possibly less—because ten is a relatively large number, and possession of even five of these objects seems to indicate an intent to disseminate, rather than for personal use.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu <u>supports</u> the passage of H.B. 571, H.D. 1, with the proposed amendments. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

STEVEN S. ALM PROSECUTING ATTORNEY LATE \*Testimony submitted late may not be considered by the Committee for decision making purposes.

# <u>HB-571-HD-1</u>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Bilyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB571 HD1

Patricia L Bilyk, APRN, MPH, MSN

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February 23, 2021

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair and Members Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs House of Representatives Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street, Room 325 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nakashima and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 571, H.D. 1, Relating to Childlike Sex Dolls

I am Randall Platt, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 571, H.D. 1, Relating to Childlike Sex Dolls.

Sexual abuse and assault of children are among the most heinous of crimes. The HPD supports the efforts of the legislators to protect the children of Hawaii, one of our most vulnerable population, from sexual predators.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 571, H.D. 1, Relating to Childlike Sex Dolls, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED.

Factorel, Ranshell Platt

Susan Ballard Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Randall Platt, Captain **Criminal Investigation Division** 

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