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MOST STRONGLY SUPPORT SCR 85

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM MAPPING TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE AND DETAILED MAP OF COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS ON OAHU RELATED TO FIREWORKS

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Aloha, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair DeCoite and committee members. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 85. I am Larry Veray, Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21, and I am representing my board and Pearl City residents that have been negatively impacted and terrorized by illegal aerial fireworks. Our board unanimously passed a resolution on combatting illegal fireworks on January 25, 2022.

This resolution is so important for the Honolulu Police Department to acquire and integrate Crime Management and Mapping software technology in combatting and tracking illegal fireworks activity but this software can also to be employed for managing all types of crimes.

Geographic Information System (GIS) coupled with modelling software can be a game changer for the Police Department in crime prevention, management and investigations allowing police officers to strategically place their beat officers at the "Hot Spot" locations indicated using the GIS technology and modelling. Criminals are creatures of habit and their patterns of crime activity can be automatically analyzed by modelling software and information can be provided to police officers putting them on the target proactively instead of being time-late and reactive to crime incidents such as fireworks, burglaries, auto thefts and other robberies.

I most strongly recommend HFD contact the NASK Corporation who is the developer of Brewlytics software that has been successfully employed by the Chicago Police Department for their Crime Management. Furthermore, this modelling and GIS software is the unclassified version of the Federal Government like classified software used in the intelligence community tracking terrorists, counter drug activities and shipments. This software is a game changer for the Police.

I most strongly urge you to approve SCR 85. Mahalo!

Very respectfully,

Larry S. Veray