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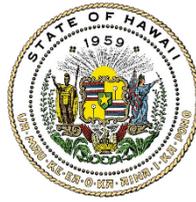
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February 4, 2026

**HB 1886: RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey and Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology**

The Office of the Public Defender (OPD) supports **HB 1886** which establishes provisions regarding state and federal collaboration, establishes identification and facial covering standards for state and federal law enforcement officers while engaged in any official duty or public interaction, and amending HRS § 803-5 to specify that when federal law enforcement arrest a person without a warrant shall be deemed to have acted in their own capacity.

The establishment of identification and facial coverings standards for state and law enforcement officers while engaged in any official duty or public interaction under HB 1886, codifies and reinforces the standards that each of county police departments have placed in each of their respective jurisdictions.<sup>1</sup> These standards promote transparency that allows law enforcement officers, while in the performance of their official duties where they come into contact with the public, to avoid potential misidentification could create safety, liability, or professionalism concerns.

Codifying and reinforcing the standards ensures that our law enforcement will further promote public safety. By establishing identification and facial covering standards, law enforcement officers will be seen as the trusted authority by the people in our communities. Further, codifying and reinforcing the standards minimizes any danger for law abiding people in our neighborhood by being

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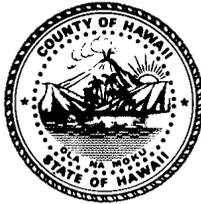
<sup>1</sup> See Honolulu Police Department Policy No. 2.38 and 2.70; Hawaii Police Department General Order, Chapter 800, Maui Police Department General Order, Chapter 304; and, Kauai Police Department, Standards of Conduct of the Kauai Police Department, Article IV, D(2).

victimized by people who may impersonate law enforcement officers who are sworn to uphold and enforce the laws of our county and our State.

The OPD supports HB 1886

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**Jennifer Kagiwada**  
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## HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2

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DATE: February 4, 2026  
TO: House Committee on Economic Development and Technology  
FROM: Jennifer Kagiwada, Council Member  
Council District 2  
SUBJECT: HB1886

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of HB1886. Please see the attached recently passed, Resolution 399 Draft 2 from the Hawai'i County Council urging the State of Hawai'i to protect individuals against unconstitutional acts committed by federal immigration agencies. HB1886 addresses the concerns from our community regarding federal agents concealing their identities with non-medical masks, which is in alignment with the priorities outlined in the attached resolution.

This law would improve the overall trust and safety between law enforcement and the public in Hawai'i. I ask that you **pass HB1886**.

Mahalo,

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Jenn Kagiwada

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I



STATE OF HAWAI'I

RESOLUTION NO. 399 25  
(DRAFT 2)

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI'I TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS AGAINST UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTS COMMITTED BY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AGENCIES.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2025, President Donald J. Trump issued Executive Order 14159, "Protecting the American People Against Invasion", which revoked prior immigration enforcement guidelines that prioritized public safety and humanitarian considerations, called for the expansion of state and local cooperation agreements with the federal government under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and directed a nationwide surge in immigration arrests, detentions, and removals, including the expanded use of expedited removals that bypass due process hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2025, the Trump Administration revoked the 2021 "Guidelines for Enforcement Actions in or Near Protected Areas", a long-standing directive that discouraged federal immigration enforcement in community spaces such as schools, healthcare facilities, places of worship, and disaster relief areas, thereby allowing federal immigration agents to conduct operations in sites that were previously safe for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, recent national and local events targeting immigrants and peaceful dissenters have underscored the importance of reaffirming the State's commitment to upholding constitutional rights for all residents, and remaining dedicated to justly enforcing laws, protecting individuals from government overreach or discrimination, and maintaining public trust; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i guarantee fundamental and due process rights to every individual, which the State of Hawai'i must uphold and enforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Homeland Security, (hereinafter, "DHS") and its component agencies, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (hereinafter, "ICE") and Customs and Border Protection have dramatically escalated enforcement operations nationwide, including nearly tripling the number of detentions and removals in Hawai'i from the previous year, leading to heightened fear in immigrant communities, family separations, and workplace disruptions; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey found that in the State of Hawai'i, one out of five residents is an immigrant, totaling more than 255,000 people, over one-third of whom are noncitizens, including nearly half of Hawai'i County's 25,000 foreign-born residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 320-25, Draft 2, adopted by this body on October 22, 2025, recognized the importance of ensuring that the constitutional rights of all residents and our values as a multicultural society are protected; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I** that this body hereby urges the State of Hawai'i to ensure the health and safety of Hawai'i Island residents by:

1. Prohibiting immigration enforcement officers—including ICE, DHS, and any federal agents detailed to immigration operations—from concealing their identities or wearing nonmedical masks that obscure their faces during public-facing enforcement operations, except during undercover investigations relating to criminal activity or when required due to emergency health concerns or environmental hazards;
2. Requiring state law enforcement agencies to inform any individual in custody of their rights in their preferred language when ICE requests an interview or issues a detainer;
3. Protecting sensitive community spaces from civil immigration enforcement and barring state agencies and contractors from assisting civil immigration enforcement without a judicial warrant;
4. Prohibiting State law enforcement and administration from providing privileged or confidential information, including but not limited to immigration status, to ICE or DHS;
5. Prohibiting fulfillment of detainer requests on behalf of ICE or DHS for civil matters;
6. Requiring that all immigration officers clearly identify themselves during public-facing enforcement operations, including displaying their agency and badge name and number, except during undercover investigations relating to criminal activity;
7. Prohibiting unmarked vehicles from being used for civil enforcement of ICE or DHS business; and
8. Prohibiting law enforcement agencies from entering into a memorandum of agreement with the Federal government pursuant to Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.



Testimony: HB2540/HB1886

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

Our names are Megahn Chun and Alex Villarino and we **strongly support [H.B. 2540 / H.B. 1886]**, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. In Hawai'i, we have seen this occur in Kaua'i, for example.

We are all less safe when masked agents are in our streets. When people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. Additionally, the lack of identification makes it difficult for ordinary people, local law enforcement, and public officials to differentiate genuine law enforcement actions from impersonators exploiting the situation to harm our community members. It also makes it difficult to identify who is behind operations that may employ aggressive tactics, result in constitutional violations, or cause community harm.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors' right to live without fear.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Megahn Chun and Alex Villarino  
Marchante LLC dba Mercado de La Raza



**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 9:53:20 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Honolulu Hawaii NAACP	NAACP	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

The NAACP **strongly supports HB 2540 and HB 1886**, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

Across the nation, America is witnessing excessive violations of human and civil rights by immigration enforcement individuals. Unfortunately, these practices have made their way to our islands. These tactics create fear in our community and erode public trust of law enforcement. Additionally, there is a reasonable expectation that law enforcement will identify themselves and perform their duties in a respectful and lawful manner that promotes honor and builds trust.

The State has a duty to prevent local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that violate due process, cause unnecessary harm to citizens, inflict hurt to our communities. This is an extreme overreach of respectful and appropriate collaboration between local, state, and federal law enforcement.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Alphonso Braggs

President



**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 5:51:34 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew B. Johnson	Pacific Gateway Center	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:**

**My name is Matthew B. Johnson, Executive Director for Pacific Gateway Center, and I strongly support [H.B. 2540 / H.B. 1886], which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.**

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**Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.**

**Matthew B. Johnson**



COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Rep. Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

HEARING:

Friday, February 6, 2026 at 8:30 am  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 423  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT - HB 1886, RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.**

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Veronica Mendoza, Founding Executive Director of Roots Reborn and a founding coalition member of El Pueblo en Acción (EPA) Maui — *The People in Action Maui*. I am writing in **strong support of HB1886**, which promotes transparency and accountability by establishing standards for the identification and conduct of federal law enforcement officers operating in Hawai'i.

Roots Reborn is a grassroots, immigrant-justice and disaster-response organization serving migrant and immigrant communities on Maui and across the state. Formed after the August 2023 wildfires, our team has worked alongside families through every phase of recovery by providing aid, navigating systems, and building community trust that remains the foundation of our work today.

Since early 2024, we've kicked into action to meet this new man-made disaster head-on, responding to the fear and confusion caused by federal enforcement activity. Through EPA Maui, we coordinate a community tipline and rapid response network. To date, we have:

- Distributed over 3,500 Know Your Rights flyers
- Trained more than 700 residents through workshops
- Provided 50+ trainings to health, education, business, and faith sectors
- Responded to over 450 community calls regarding enforcement activity
- Trained over 60 volunteer observers in verification, de-escalation, and peaceful documentation

We have repeatedly documented incidents involving masked, unidentified federal agents employing excessive force and refusing to identify themselves. These actions have sown fear across our islands with parents afraid to take children to school, patients delaying medical care, and survivors of domestic violence scared to call for help. *When enforcement loses transparency, trust in all law enforcement erodes and undermines community safety for everyone.*

**HB1886** is a measured and necessary response. It restores clarity, accountability, and the public's trust by requiring identifiable officers and clarifying that warrantless arrests by federal officials are treated as actions in their individual capacity under state law, allowing appropriate accountability when rights are violated. These safeguards better protect both civil rights and public safety.

For the sake of our communities and the integrity of law enforcement, we **respectfully urge you to pass HB1886**.

Sinceramente,

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Veronica Mendoza  
Maui Roots Reborn, *Founding Executive Director*  
EPA Maui, *Founding Coalition Member*



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**Testimony of Liza Ryan-Gill  
In SUPPORT of HB1886**

Representative Ilagan, Chair  
Representative Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Feb 6th, 2026, 2pm Room 423

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the Committee,

My name is **Liza Ryan-Gill**, testifying on behalf of the **Hawai‘i Coalition for Immigrant Rights (HCIR)**. HCIR is a coalition of **30+ immigrant-serving and immigrant-led organizations** across the pae ‘āina working to advance policies that protect immigrant and migrant communities and strengthen Hawai‘i as a place where all families can thrive.

We submit this testimony in **strong support of HB1886**, which establishes **clear identification and facial-covering standards** and strengthens safeguards around **state and county collaboration with federal law enforcement**.

**HB1886 strengthens public safety by preventing “secret policing” tactics and impersonation**

Across the country, communities have raised urgent concerns about masked, unidentified agents conducting enforcement actions in public spaces—fueling fear, confusion, and the risk of escalation and violence. Hawai‘i has also seen the impacts of federal immigration enforcement in our islands, including Kaua‘i, and residents should never have to guess whether the person arresting and detaining someone is a legitimate immigration officer or a vigilante impersonator.

HB1886 addresses this directly by requiring visible identification—**name, agency, and unique badge number**—and by requiring agencies to maintain **publicly available written policies** and ensure **training** for officers on these requirements. These are basic, common-sense accountability measures that protect the public *and* protect officers by reducing dangerous confusion during fast-moving encounters.

The Minneapolis experience illustrates how anonymity in enforcement can escalate encounters, reduce accountability, and create widespread fear in communities—particularly among immigrant and other marginalized populations. Unbridled, unchecked power by federal officers acting without clear identification or accountability has contributed to these horrors on the continent, undermining civil liberties and eroding public trust. Masking and anonymity allow agents to act with impunity, obscuring their authority and making it harder for the public and local officials to assess whether enforcement actions are lawful or necessary—heightening the



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risk of unnecessary escalation, violence, and tragic outcomes. Hawai‘i has the opportunity—and the responsibility—to prevent similar harms here by ensuring that enforcement in our communities is transparent, accountable, and subject to clear standards.

### **Other jurisdictions have already enacted “No Secret Police” laws—Hawai‘i should not lag behind**

Hawai‘i is not alone in pursuing this approach. **California enacted the nation’s first statewide “No Secret Police Act” (SB 627)**, which prohibits most law enforcement officers—including federal immigration agents operating in the state—from wearing identity-concealing facial coverings during operations, with carefully defined exceptions (e.g., undercover work, medical masks, hazardous conditions). The law takes effect **January 1, 2026**.

At the local level, **Los Angeles County adopted an ordinance that requires visible identification and restricts masking** by law enforcement operating in the County’s unincorporated areas; it **went into effect January 8, 2026**.

These measures reflect a growing consensus: community safety and democratic accountability require that officers who exercise state power in public be identifiable, subject to meaningful oversight, and constrained by clear rules.

This type of framework does not “regulate federal officers” in the abstract; rather, it **sets Hawai‘i’s rules for Hawai‘i**, and it clarifies what conduct is required to ensure transparency, prevent impersonation, and protect the public.

### **These safeguards are pro-community, pro-democracy, and pro-public safety**

HB1886 advances real safety. When people fear law enforcement—or cannot identify who is acting under color of authority—they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with investigations. Transparent identification standards are also an anti-impersonation measure: they help the public and local officials distinguish legitimate enforcement from opportunistic bad actors.

Just as importantly, Hawai‘i must ensure that **state and county agencies are not involuntarily drawn into federal immigration enforcement actions** that tear families apart and destabilize communities. Clear limits on collaboration protect local priorities, preserve community trust, and keep public institutions focused on serving residents—especially in emergencies, schools, courts, and health settings.

### **Conclusion**



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For these reasons, HCIR respectfully urges you to **PASS HB1886**. Hawai‘i has the opportunity—and the responsibility—to affirm that secrecy and anonymity have no place in public-facing enforcement. Our communities thrive when families can live with dignity and without fear, and when government power is exercised with transparency and accountability.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Liza Ryan Gill

Executive Director

Hawai‘i Coalition for Immigrant Rights



The House Committee on Economic Development & Technology  
February 6, 2026  
Room 423  
8:30 AM

RE: **HB 1886, Relating to Government Operations**

Attention: Chair Greggor Ilagan, Vice Chair Ikaika Hussey and members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA), the exclusive bargaining representative for all University of Hawai'i faculty members across Hawai'i's statewide 10-campus system, **supports HB 1886, with amendments.**

UHPA believes it is important to establish clear boundaries regarding the use of state resources and personnel for federal immigration enforcement. We agree that public trust is essential for the effective operation of state institutions, including our university system. Ensuring that our public employees remain focused on their state duties, rather than acting as an extension of federal immigration authorities, protects the educational environment and ensures that all students and staff feel safe and welcome on our campuses.

To ensure this measure effectively covers our educational environments, UHPA notes that **Section -2(b)(2)** prohibits assistance with enforcement operations occurring at or near a "school," yet the bill does not currently define this term. To prevent ambiguity regarding post-secondary institutions, UHPA respectfully requests that the committee amend the bill to explicitly define "school" to include "**public institutions of higher education, including University of Hawai'i campuses.**" This aligns with the definitions found in the similar measure **HB 1870** and ensures our campuses are legally recognized as sensitive locations.

Finally, while we support the policy of non-cooperation with civil immigration enforcement, we must raise a concern regarding the position of frontline faculty members. Our members are educators, not legal experts, and may confront situations where they feel compelled or intimidated by federal agents into providing information or access. We are concerned that without specific protections, a faculty member who acts out of confusion or under duress could face administrative discipline. We respectfully urge the committee to ensure that the measure includes **adequate protections for employees who are acting in good faith** when attempting to comply with this chapter or when responding to perceived federal authority.

**With these amendments and considerations, UHPA supports the passage of HB 1886.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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To: Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of ECD  
Re: SUPPORT HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, HB2540  
Hearing: Friday, Feb 6, 2026 — 8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Elsa West, and I submit testimony on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union in strong support of HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, and HB2540. Together, these measures strengthen community safety, due process, and transparency—so immigrant and mixed-status families can access essential services without fear, and survivors can seek help and cooperate with authorities safely.

I believe immigrant and mixed-status families should feel safe in this place they've chosen to make their home. Hawai'i is a community, and what I find most important is the safety of everyone, no matter their origin and ethnicity. It pains me to see the state of this nation, and I hope that Hawai'i can be an exception to the inequality and injustice we are seeing.

I respectfully urge you to PASS these measures. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Elsa West  
American Civil Liberties Union  
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**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 10:49:41 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)	Pride at Work – Hawai‘i	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

Pride at Work – Hawai‘i is an official chapter of [Pride at Work](#) which is a national nonprofit organization that represents LGBTQIA+ union members and their allies. We are an officially recognized constituency group of the AFL-CIO that organizes mutual support between the organized Labor Movement and the LGBTQIA+ Community to further social and economic justice.

Pride at Work – Hawai‘i fully supports HB 1886.

We ask that you support this needed piece of legislation.

Mahalo,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)

President

[Pride at Work – Hawai‘i](#)

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/5/2026 6:53:57 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin J Block	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kevin Block and I submit testimony on behalf of myself and my law firm, Maui Immigration Law, LLC, in strong support of HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, and HB2540.

Together, these measures strengthen community safety, due process, and transparency—so immigrant and mixed-status families can access essential services without fear, and survivors can seek help and cooperate with authorities safely.

I have been deep in the trenches, helping the immigrant community through direct representation, advocacy and policy work for over a decade. It is critical that there be clear lines between local law enforcement and Federal Law Enforcement. Community policing only works when there is trust.

I respectfully urge you to PASS these measures. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Kevin Block, Attorney at Law

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## **House Committee on Economic Development & Technology**

### **Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Strongly Supports HB1886**

**Friday, February 6th, 8:30 AM in Conference Room 423 & Videoconference**

Aloha Chair Ilgan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the committee,

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action supports HB1886.

All over the United States, and here in Hawai'i, we have seen masked agents using secretive tactics. They often do not identify themselves, refuse to show warrants, and take actions that separate families and create fear. These actions do not make our communities safer. Instead, they break down trust, silence people, and weaken our democracy.

HB1886 will make our communities safer by making law enforcement more transparent and accountable. When officers can be easily identified, people can tell the difference between real officers and impersonators, report problems, and feel safer asking for help. If people are afraid of law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes or help out, which puts everyone at risk.

This bill also makes sure that state and county resources are not used to support federal immigration enforcement that violates civil rights or targets people for protected activities. Local law enforcement should focus on serving Hawai'i's communities, not get involved in federal actions that hurt families and break trust.

HB1886 is not anti-law enforcement. It is pro-accountability, pro-community safety, and pro-democracy. Hawai'i thrives when families can stay together and people can live with dignity and without fear.

For these reasons, we urge you to pass HB1886.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

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Anne Frederick, Executive Director



## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB1886, RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

February 6, 2026

#### To the Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i **strongly supports HB1886**. This measure because it affirms a foundational principle of our democracy: there must be no secret police and no anonymous exercise of government power.

When law enforcement officers—state or federal—operate in public, the public has the right to know who is exercising authority over them and under what legal framework. Masked officers without visible identification undermine trust, chill lawful speech and assembly, and blur accountability. That is not compatible with Hawai'i's constitutional values or our commitment to open government.

This bill draws a clear and reasonable line. It does not prevent lawful law enforcement activity, nor does it end necessary cooperation with federal agencies. It simply ensures that cooperation is lawful, transparent, and accountable, and that officers acting in public do so openly and visibly, except in narrowly defined safety or undercover circumstances.

Requiring identification and prohibiting anonymous policing protects the public, protects civil liberties, and also protects officers by clarifying authority and responsibility. Communities are safer when law enforcement operates in the light, not behind masks or secrecy.

Hawai'i has a proud history of standing for civil rights and democratic norms. This bill continues that tradition by making clear that in our state, power is never exercised anonymously and enforcement is never hidden from the people.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB1886. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Democratic Party of Hawai'i at [legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org).

**To:** Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of ECD  
**Re:** SUPPORT **HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, HB2540**  
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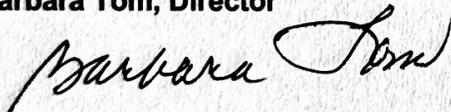
Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Barbara Tom, and I submit testimony on behalf of the Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Resource Center in **strong support** of HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, and HB2540. Together, these measures strengthen community safety, due process, and transparency, ensuring that immigrant and mixed-status families can access essential services without fear, and that survivors are able to seek help and cooperate with authorities safely.

Waipahu Safe Haven works closely with immigrant and migrant communities in Waipahu, providing holistic services that support family stability, health, housing, and overall success in Hawai'i. Our goal is to empower families to become contributing and thriving members of our community. These bills are critical to that mission, as they help remove fear-based barriers that prevent individuals from accessing services, reporting harm, or seeking protection when they need it most.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to **PASS** these measures. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your commitment to protecting the safety and dignity of all residents of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,  
**Barbara Tom, Director**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Tom".

**Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Resource Center**



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TO: House Committee on Economic Development & Technology (“ECD”)  
FR: Salmah Y. Rizvi, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai‘i  
ON: Friday, February 6, 2026 at 8:30 AM HST  
AT: Conference Room 423 & Videoconference  
RE: **Testimony of the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai‘i Executive Director in SUPPORT of HB 1886, Relating to Government Operations**

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Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai‘i (“ACLU-HI”) writes in **support of HB 1886**, which would prohibit secret policing tactics by requiring law enforcement officers operating in the state to be clearly identifiable, limiting state and federal collaboration in immigration enforcement operations, and prohibiting the deputization of federal agents for general policing.

At its core **HB 1886 is about preserving Hawaii’s constitutional autonomy, protecting residents from civil rights violations**, and ensuring that the State does not entangle itself—legally, financially, or morally—in federal enforcement schemes that are opaque, discriminatory, and increasingly unaccountable.

Across the country, states and local governments have learned—often through costly litigation—that cooperation with federal law enforcement is not neutral. When state or county agencies lend personnel, data, facilities, or credibility to federal operations, they also absorb the **downstream consequences: exposure to civil liability, erosion of community trust, and complicity in actions that violate constitutional norms**. HB 1886 reflects a decision to draw principled boundaries around such cooperation.

*I. Non-Cooperation is a Lawful and Necessary Exercise of State Power*

HB 1886 rests squarely on **the anti-commandeering doctrine, a foundational principle of American federalism**. The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly held that while the **federal government may enforce federal law, it may not compel states to use their resources**, officers, or political subdivisions to do so. In *New York v. United States*, the Court made clear that Congress may not “commandeer the legislative processes of the States.”<sup>i</sup> In *Printz v. United States*, the Court extended that principle to state executive officials, holding that the federal government may not require state officers to administer or enforce a federal regulatory program.<sup>ii</sup> These cases do not describe an exception; they articulate a structural protection of liberty.

Immigration enforcement is federal, governed by shifting priorities that state governments neither control nor supervise. **When states entangle themselves in those efforts, they surrender authority over how their residents are policed while remaining legally liable.** HB 1886 affirms that Hawai‘i will not be commandeered into service of federal programs that it does not direct and cannot meaningfully oversee.

Federal courts have consistently upheld this choice. In *United States v. California*, the Ninth Circuit reaffirmed that states are under no obligation to assist with federal immigration enforcement and may affirmatively restrict the use of state resources for that purpose without violating the Supremacy Clause.<sup>iii</sup> HB 1886 reiterates this.

## *II. Cooperation with Abusive Federal Actors Creates Real and Predictable Liability*

The risks of cooperation are neither speculative nor abstract. Courts have repeatedly found that **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) agents have engaged in unconstitutional conduct, such as warrantless arrests, prolonged detention without probable cause, racial profiling, and retaliation against protected speech.** When state agencies assist in these operations—by honoring detainers or embedding officers—they invite liability under both federal and state law.

In *Miranda-Olivares v. Clackamas County*, for example, a federal district court held that a county violated the Fourth Amendment by detaining an individual at ICE’s request without probable cause.<sup>iv</sup> Numerous jurisdictions have paid significant settlements or judgments arising directly from cooperation with ICE requests later deemed unlawful.

**HB 1886 is a prophylactic measure, reducing the likelihood that Hawai‘i agencies will need to defend unconstitutional conduct at the taxpayer’s expense.**

## *III. Deputization and 287(g) Agreements Are Especially Dangerous*

HB 1886 is particularly **important in rejecting deputization arrangements and 287(g)-style cooperation.** Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes the federal government to deputize local law enforcement officers to perform civil immigration enforcement functions, often leading to widespread abuse.<sup>v</sup>

By placing local police officers—trained to enforce criminal law—into the role of civil immigration agents, **287(g)-style agreements and memoranda of understanding encourage pretextual policing while blurring lines of accountability. Cooperation also undermines public safety.** When residents fear that contact with state or county agencies may expose them to federal immigration enforcement, they may be less likely to report crimes, seek medical care, enroll children in school, or participate as witnesses. The resulting erosion of trust makes communities less safe.

#### *IV. Federalism Serves as a Shield for Civil Liberties*

Federalism is not merely an abstract allocation of power; it is a concrete safeguard for individual rights. When national enforcement policy veers toward repression, state **refusal to cooperate is one of the most effective lines of defense for civil liberties.**

This principle carries particular force in Hawai‘i as **our State Constitution provides broader protections for individual rights than the federal Constitution.** The Hawai‘i Supreme Court has recognized that our Constitution is an independent source of rights and that federal constitutional minima do not define the outer bounds of liberty in Hawai‘i. In *State v. Zuffante*, the court reaffirmed that Hawaii’s Constitution may—and often does—offer greater protection than its federal counterpart.<sup>vi</sup> So, even when protections are weakened or eliminated at the federal level, **Hawai‘i retains the authority to safeguard civil liberties under its own constitutional framework.**

**By limiting state participation in federal enforcement schemes that threaten due process, equal protection, and expressive freedom,** HB 1886 ensures that Hawaii’s constitutional commitments are not undermined. **HB 1886 is a prudent response to a federal enforcement landscape that increasingly disregards civil liberties and transparency.** By embracing a general position of non-cooperation, rejecting dangerous deputization schemes, and reaffirming the State’s sovereign rights under our federal system, the Legislature can protect Hawai‘i residents while shielding the State from unnecessary legal and financial liability.



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*With more than 4,000 Hawaii-based members, the mission of the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai‘i is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the United States and Hawai‘i State Constitutions through legislative, litigation, and public education work. The ACLU of Hawai‘i is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawai‘i has been serving our communities in Hawai‘i for over 60 years.*

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<sup>i</sup> *New York v. United States*, 505 U.S. 144, 161–66 (1992), <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/505/144/>.

<sup>ii</sup> *Printz v. United States*, 521 U.S. 898, 925–33 (1997), <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/521/898/>.

<sup>iii</sup> *United States v. California*, 921 F.3d 865, 888–91 (9th Cir. 2019), <https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2019/04/18/18-16496.pdf>.

<sup>iv</sup> *Miranda-Olivares v. Clackamas Cnty.*, No. 3:12-cv-02317-ST, 2014 WL 1414305, at \*11–13 (D. Or. Apr. 11, 2014), <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/district-courts/oregon/ordce/3:2012cv02317/110279/163/>. Unreported.

<sup>v</sup> Immigration and Nationality Act § 287(g), 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g), [https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=\(title:8%20section:1357%20edition:prelim\)](https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:8%20section:1357%20edition:prelim)).

<sup>vi</sup> *State v. Zuffante*, 157 Haw. 194, 200, 576 P.3d 243, 249 (2025), <https://law.justia.com/cases/hawaii/supreme-court/2025/scwc-23-0000376-0.html>.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 4:34:56 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kayla Marie         | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I strongly support this measure

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 6:12:59 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| B.A. McClintock     | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Please support this bill. Mahalo.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/2/2026 7:54:32 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                   |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Julie Yunker | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

My name is Julie Yunker and I am testifying in strong support of **HB 1886**. This measure represents a practical and necessary step toward improving the well-being of our communities. It addresses a clear need, offers a reasonable solution, and reflects the values we should be advancing as a state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration of this important measure.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 8:14:58 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Victor K. Ramos     | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

OPPOSE this bill. Legislatures who support this bill have lost their way. They have decided that "virture signaling" is more important than drafting bills with substance for to improve life for the people of Hawaii. As you ALL KNOW, Federal Law Enforcement Agencies are not obliged to adhere to State law.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 8:53:53 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Dawn Wakukawa       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

It's just common sense that officers show and display their ID and not be allowed to mask so much that they appear anonymous.

anonymity breeds defiance, immunity for bad judgement calls and lacks any accountability.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 9:02:37 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Michelle Bonk       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly support [H.B. 2540 / H.B. 1886], which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

We are all less safe when masked agents are in our streets. When people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. Additionally, the lack of identification makes it difficult for ordinary people, local law enforcement, and public officials to differentiate genuine law enforcement actions from impersonators exploiting the situation to harm our community members. It also makes it difficult to identify who is behind operations that may employ aggressive tactics, result in constitutional violations, or cause community harm.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors’ right to live without fear.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 11:31:03 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Katy Hintzen        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

I urge you to support HB1886 as an important measure for safety and accountability of law enforcement. For our communities to have trust in law enforcement agents and processes it is extremely important that they act with integrity and transparency. Please take action to stop practices of masked officers refusing to identify themselves or even provide proof that they are indeed legitimate law enforcement officials. These tactics breed fear and confrontation unnecessarily.

Thank you,

Katy Hintzen

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 1:23:52 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Nancy D Moser       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Thank you

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 2:15:50 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| David Ball          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan and Vice-Chair Hussey,

I am writing in strong support of HB1886. We have seen alarming national coverage of the dangers that anonymity and federal overreach can have for our law enforcement officials, many of whom serve our communities bravely and responsibly. The reckless actions of this federal administration, however, demand that we strive for absolute transparency and accountability from those pledged to enforce our laws. This bill has my strong support, and will only strengthen our community's faith and trust in our local law enforcement officers as well. Mahalo nui loa for your and the committee's strong support of good government, ethics, and accountability legislation throughout this session.

Sincerely yours,

David Ball

Waialae-Kahala

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 3:45:33 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Cynthia J. Goto     | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Support

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 5:21:58 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| lynne matusow       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I am a citizen. I was born in the United States. It is a shame that it has come to this. But after watching ICE and the rest of Trump's goons in Minneapolis, I believe that this bill is necessary law. I strongly support HB2540 and ask you to move it forward.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 7:45:37 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By  | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
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| muhtadia rice | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Muhtadia Rice and I **strongly support [H.B. 2540 / H.B. 1886]**, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. In Hawai‘i, we have seen this occur in Kaua‘i, for example.

We are all less safe when masked agents are in our streets. When people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. Additionally, the lack of identification makes it difficult for ordinary people, local law enforcement, and public officials to differentiate genuine law enforcement actions from impersonators exploiting the situation to harm our community members. It also makes it difficult to identify who is behind operations that may employ aggressive tactics, result in constitutional violations, or cause community harm.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to pass HB2540/HB1886.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Muhtadia Rice

Kailua, Hawaii

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 8:41:02 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Ashley de Coligny   | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly support [H.B. 2540 / H.B. 1886], which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

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We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors' right to live without fear.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 10:26:15 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Noelle Lindenmann   | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members

I write in STRONG support of HB1886. This bill will improve accountability and public trust with clear identification standards and also clarifies authority and collaboration rules, reducing confusion and potential harm.

The current federal regime is sending masked agents who are using secret police-style tactics. They are taking our immigrant neighbors from anywhere and everywhere. These agents do not display names or identifying information, refuse to show warrants, and wear face coverings to hide. We are all less safe when masked agents are taking our neighbors with no trace.

We thrive when our communities are safe. Ensuring that we can all live with dignity and free from fear is not a political fight. It is common-sense community care.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 5:38:46 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Lisa Seikai Darcy   | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Support HB 1886

Aloha Chair and respected committee members,

What a great start to the new legislative session to see so many bills which address basic rights which provide transparency and consistency. My name is Lisa and I reside in Kula, HI. I work with residents who do not know their rights and are often unable to communicate in ways which provide open communication and processes.

Public trust is critical in a healthy community. HB 1886 moves to increase accountability. Full stop. These measures are long overdue and my deepest appreciation goes out to this committee.

Mahalo plenty,

Lisa Darcy, Kula, Maui, HI

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 7:39:53 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Angelia Kirkhart    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

The Federal law enforcement agencies should be working with the State law enforcement agencies.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 9:22:02 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Deborah Ann Harada  | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I support this bill because it is our kuleana to ensure safety and due process for everyone in Hawai'i.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 9:31:29 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Shay Chan Hodges    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

I am in strong support of HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, and HB2540. Together, these measures strengthen community safety, due process, and transparency—so immigrant and mixed-status families can access essential services without fear, and survivors can seek help and cooperate with authorities safely.

I respectfully urge you to PASS these measures. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony..

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 10:08:34 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Kayo Malik          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Kayo Malik and I strongly support H.B. 1886, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. In Hawai‘i, we have seen this occur in Kaua‘i, for example.

We are all less safe when masked agents are in our streets. When people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. Additionally, the lack of identification makes it difficult for ordinary people, local law enforcement, and public officials to differentiate genuine law enforcement actions from impersonators exploiting the situation to harm our community members. It also makes it difficult to identify who is behind operations that may employ aggressive tactics, result in constitutional violations, or cause community harm.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

I believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors’ right to live without fear.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Kayo Malik, Maui

kayoda7@hotmail.com



**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 10:49:47 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Deanna Espinas      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I urge you to support this legislation. Thank you.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 11:29:43 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Ezgi Green          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

I strongly support H.B. 1886, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

Visible identification of law enforcement officers is a basic accountability measure that protects everyone's civil rights. When officers cannot be identified, it becomes impossible to report misconduct or seek recourse for violations. This transparency is essential for constitutional policing.

Our local law enforcement should serve our communities. Creating fear among our neighbors undermines community safety and trust. As Aloha is the core of Hawai'i.

Everyone deserves to know who is exercising authority over them. This legislation protects fundamental rights while supporting genuine public safety.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Ezgi Green

Waialua, O'ahu

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 11:32:55 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mele Kaneali'i      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the Committee,

I testify in strong support of HB1886. It is unacceptable that there are no clear laws governing the use of masks and facial coverings by law or immigration enforcement in ways that eliminate accountability.

Accountability is the foundation of a healthy democracy. Without it, those entrusted with public safety face little incentive to act transparently or in the best interests of the people they serve. HB1886 is a necessary step toward restoring public trust and ensuring that enforcement practices align with democratic values, and I urge you to pass this measure through your committee.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 12:06:15 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By     | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Cristina De Leon | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Cristina De Leon and I strongly support H.B. 2540 / H.B. 1886, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. In Hawai‘i, we have seen this occur in Kaua‘i, for example.

We are all less safe when masked agents are in our streets. When people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. Additionally, the lack of identification makes it difficult for ordinary people, local law enforcement, and public officials to differentiate genuine law enforcement actions from impersonators exploiting the situation to harm our community members. It also makes it difficult to identify who is behind operations that may employ aggressive tactics, result in constitutional violations, or cause community harm.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors’ right to live without fear.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Cristina De Leon

Upcounty Maui



**HB-1886**

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Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By   | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
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| Danielle Goren | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support of HB2540/HB1886 both as a Lahaina resident and as a member of the Indivisible Hawaii State Network (IHSN), to ban extreme masking by law enforcement, require officers visibly identify themselves, and limit state and county law enforcement cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

For months we have seen video evidence of aggressive, heavily armed federal agents snatching people off the street, subjecting them to excessive force, and now committing unjustified killings. Masked agents have terrorized the public, detaining a five-year-old boy, shooting and killing two U.S. citizens, raiding churches, utilizing teargas on peaceful protesters which include children and the elderly, sexually assaulting people they have in detention...the list of atrocities multiplying exponentially each day. During nearly all of these events the presumed agents are masked, with no identifying badge or tag. They are acting with impunity heightened by anonymity the masks afford, violating basic human rights and showing a gross disrespect for our Constitution and bedrock principles of liberty and justice for all. This is how secret police under authoritarianism operate; not legitimate, accountable law enforcement in a democracy.

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Additionally, it is vital that we prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies must ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach. Our Hawai'i dollars should not be used in such a way to terrorize our communities.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I thank you for your commitment to our democracy.

Respectfully,

Danielle Goren

Lahaina, Hawai'i

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**HB-1886**

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Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By    | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
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| Peter Greenhill | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

HB2540/HB1886

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Peter Greenhill and I strongly support H.B. 1886], which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. In Hawai‘i, we have seen this occur in Kaua‘i, for example.

We are all less safe when masked agents are in our streets. When people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. Additionally, the lack of identification makes it difficult for ordinary people, local law enforcement, and public officials to differentiate genuine law enforcement actions from impersonators exploiting the situation to harm our community members. It also makes it difficult to identify who is behind operations that may employ aggressive tactics, result in constitutional violations, or cause community harm.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors’ right to live without fear.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

## **HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 12:35:30 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| J. Kehau Lucas      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

I am Kehau Lucas and I am writing in support of HB1886, which establishes clear standards for state and federal law enforcement collaboration, requires visible identification, and restricts the use of face coverings by officers except in limited circumstances.

### Transparency and Accountability

Research shows that visible identification and clear accountability mechanisms increase public trust in law enforcement (Tyler, 2004; Sunshine & Tyler, 2003). When officers are required to display identification, community members are more likely to cooperate with law enforcement, report crimes, and view officers as legitimate authorities rather than a source of fear. HB1886 aligns with these evidence-based practices by requiring visible identification for all officers operating in our communities.

### Community Trust and Safety

Hawai‘i’s unique cultural context emphasizes ‘ohana, community, and mutual respect. Limiting face coverings and requiring accountability in federal-state collaborations ensures that law enforcement actions are transparent, consistent, and culturally sensitive, reducing the risk of misunderstandings or conflict between officers and community members. Studies show that community trust in police directly correlates with compliance and safer outcomes for both residents and officers (Weisburd & Braga, 2006).

### Civil Rights Protections

HB1886 provides safeguards to prevent potential overreach in federal enforcement activities, particularly in sensitive settings such as schools, places of worship, or cultural sites. Research on civil liberties demonstrates that oversight and limits on enforcement actions reduce the likelihood of rights violations and improve community perceptions of fairness (Goldsmith, 2005). By setting clear standards, this bill helps Hawai‘i maintain the balance between safety and civil liberties.

### Conclusion

For these reasons, I strongly support HB1886. This bill strengthens transparency, promotes accountability, and fosters trust between law enforcement and Hawai‘i’s communities—all of which are supported by research in policing and civil rights. I urge the committee to pass

HB1886 and demonstrate Hawai'i's commitment to equitable, evidence-based law enforcement practices.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha 'āina,  
Kēhau Lucas

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 1:19:20 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Glen Kagamida       | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

STRONG OPPOSE!!!

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 2:59:12 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
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| Dana Fulton  | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of **HB 1886**, which would establish clear standards requiring all law enforcement officers **INCLUDING FEDERAL OFFICERS** acting in Hawai‘i, to **display visible identification, as we do with our police officers and military**, as well as **prohibit face coverings that conceal identity**. This bill strengthens accountability, transparency, and public trust in law enforcement interactions throughout our communities.

One of the core responsibilities of public safety agencies is to serve and protect all residents. When officers are fully identifiable — with name, agency, and badge number clearly visible — members of the public are better able to confirm legitimacy, file complaints when appropriate, and feel secure interacting with authorities. These standards align with expectations already in place for the military and domestic police departments, which require visible name tags and badge numbers to ensure accountability and safety.

In an era where law enforcement actions can significantly impact community trust, requiring officers to be identifiable helps prevent misuse of authority and reinforces the principles of openness and fairness that underpin constitutional policing. Ensuring that officers do not conceal their faces during public interactions — except for narrowly defined safety or undercover operations — protects both officers and the public by making every interaction transparent.

HB 1886 also promotes **state and federal collaboration standards** in a way that respects constitutional protections while emphasizing accountability and community confidence. For all these reasons, I urge the Committee to support this important measure.

We need to feel safe in our communities, and know that our lawmakers are doing their best to protect us from the violent confrontations we are seeing occur on the mainland.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-1886**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Kristen Kelly       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

NO secret police!!!!

**HB-1886**

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Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Inge Detlefsen      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

ICE need to be identifiable to be accountable and trustworthy.

We need to know what type of collaboration exists between local law enforcement and ICE or CBP. Otherwise trust in local aw enforcement will erode as well.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 5:25:09 PM

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Ana Trovinger       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Esteemed Committee Members:

My name is Ana Trovinger, and I am writing to express my strong support for H.B. 1886, a crucial piece of legislation that seeks to address significant concerns regarding law enforcement practices. This bill specifically aims to ban the use of extreme masking by law enforcement officials, mandate that officers visibly identify themselves, and restrict the collaboration of state and county law enforcement agencies with federal immigration enforcement.

Across Minnesota and various locations throughout our nation, we have witnessed the alarming expansion of police power fostered by the recent administration. This expansion has been accompanied by the unsettling adoption of secretive police tactics, including the deployment of masked law enforcement personnel and military troops into urban areas. Disturbingly, federal agents have been apprehending our immigrant neighbors, a practice that has also been evident in places like Kaua‘i, where such actions have caused widespread fear and distress within the community.

The presence of masked agents on our streets compromises public safety. When residents harbor fears about law enforcement, they become hesitant to report crimes, seek assistance during emergencies, or cooperate with officials—an outcome that ultimately endangers our communities. The anonymity afforded to these masked agents hinders the ability of ordinary citizens, local law enforcement, and public officials to distinguish between authentic law enforcement activities and individuals who may exploit these circumstances to perpetrate harm against vulnerable community members. Furthermore, this lack of clear identification complicates accountability, making it difficult to ascertain who is enacting operations that may employ aggressive tactics, violate constitutional rights, or inflict community harm.

It is crucial that we protect our local law enforcement from being drawn into federal operations that forcibly separate families and disrupt the fabric of our communities. Our state and local policies must firmly assert that our law enforcement agencies will not support this unacceptable federal overreach.

Passing this legislation represents a vital step towards fostering genuine community safety and rebuilding trust. It is our responsibility—our kuleana—to ensure that our neighbors can live their lives without fear of undue harassment or violence.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ana Trovinger

**HB-1886**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Sherry Pollack      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I support HB1886.

Our communities deserve real safety measures and transparency, not secret policing tactics. Masked agents and unmarked vehicles terrify our neighbors. It is unacceptable and should not be allowed.

**HB-1886**

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Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By  | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
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| Nancy J. Budd | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

**To:** Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of ECD

**Re:** SUPPORT **HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, HB2540**

**Hearing:** Friday, Feb 6, 2026 — 8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Nancy J. Budd and I submit this testimony in **strong support** of **HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, and HB2540**. Together, these measures strengthen community safety, due process and transparency. It is critical that our state provide these protections so all of our citizens, including vulnerable immigrant and mixed-status families in particular, can access essential services without fear and survivors can seek help and safely cooperate with authorities.

State and county participation in civil immigration enforcement near sensitive locations such as schools, health care facilities, libraries, shelters, and courts must be prohibited. People must be able to safely access education, health care, emergency services and courts without fear. Every day we see masked and violent federal “agents” attacking and abducting people, including minors, on streets, at schools and as they enter court buildings to attend hearings. This must stop.

Secretive or masked enforcement undermines due process and public trust. Transparency is essential to constitutional accountability—especially for immigrant communities.

287(g) programs lead to racial profiling, unlawful detention, and fear of law enforcement. Ending deputization keeps local resources focused on community safety—not federal immigration enforcement.

No one should be questioned by immigration authorities without understanding their rights. The TRUTH Act ensures consent, language access, and transparency—core principles of due process.

A single extra day in a sentence can trigger mandatory detention or deportation under federal law. This reform promotes proportional sentencing and prevents unnecessary family separation.

Survivors should never be punished for seeking help. Standardized policies ensure survivors can report crimes safely, support law enforcement investigations and prosecutions, and access the protections guaranteed under federal law.

Together, these bills

- Protect families from separation
- Strengthen public safety
- Increase trust in public institutions
- Uphold essential constitutional rights and due process
- Affirm Hawaii's commitment to dignity and justice for all

I respectfully urge you to **PASS** these measures. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
**Nancy J. Budd**

**Kaua'i Resident, attorney, and former Hawaii Board of Education member**

**HB-1886**

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| James Tacker        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I support HB1886. No masks unless for safety. ID required for ICE agents.

**HB-1886**

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| Jesse Hutchison     | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Jesse Hutchison

**HB-1886**

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| Jason Lewis  | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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Again, I thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I thank you for your commitment to our democracy.

Respectfully,

Jason Lewis, Lahaina, Hawai'i

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**HB-1886**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Diann Karin Lynn    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

To: Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of ECD

Re: SUPPORT HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, HB2540

Hearing: Friday, Feb 6, 2026 — 8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to submit my personal testimony in *strong* support of HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, and HB2540. Together, these measures provide essential community safety tools and support due process and transparency. We owe these guidelines and safeguards to our extensive immigrant community, as well as in support of ourselves and our own personal liberties. All residents, regardless of status, deserve to live in our communities and access essential services without fear.

The Maryland House and Senate gave overwhelming final approval this Tuesday to identical bills that will prohibit agreements between local police and federal immigration agencies, and are likewise working on other bills similar to ours. If they can do it, so can we! I strongly urge you to PASS these measures quickly out of committee and push for them to be also passed in the Senate where appropriate. From there please see they are expeditiously sent to the full legislature for emergency approval and forwarding to the Governor for signature. Time is of the essence.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

D. K. Lynn  
Honolulu

**HB-1886**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Monisha Das Gupta   | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Monisha Das Gupta. I am submitting testimony in strong support of

My name is Monisha Das Gupta. I am submitting testimony in strong support of HB1886. The bill proposes necessary guardrails by limiting the use of state resources spent on assisting federal immigration agents. It requires local and federal law enforcement to display their identification. If passed, the bill would prohibit all on-duty enforcement officers from obscuring their faces so as to hide their identities.

All across the United States ICE has been emboldened to act like a secret police with impunity. They have abducted countless people from their communities while hiding their identities and refusing to produce judicial warrants. They have wasted taxpayer dollars by creating situations that imperil our communities and that divert local law enforcement from their duties. Secret police have no place in a democracy.

The measures proposed in the bill would prevent the misuse of state resources and funds (our taxpayer dollars) to permit local partnerships with federal agencies like ICE to conduct raids, expand surveillance, and intimidate communities.

Unfortunately, the Trump administration is strong-arming state and local law enforcement to collude with a violent and lawless agency that has killed immigrants and US citizens. I urge the committee to vote in favor of the bill that protects the state from costly litigation and, most importantly, promotes the safety of its residents.

Honolulu

**HB-1886**

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Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Kencho Gurung       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kencho Gurung, and I submit testimony on behalf of myself in strong support of HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, and HB2540. Together, these measures strengthen community safety, due process, and transparency, so immigrant and mixed-status families can access essential services without fear, and survivors can seek help and cooperate with authorities safely.

We respectfully urge you to PASS these measures. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Kencho Gurung, Hilo

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| Lee-Won Fulbright   | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

The measures in this bill are extremely important to me as a local Hawaii resident born and raised on Oahu, and to my community. Mahalo for fighting for immigrant justice and the safety of all people here.

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| Yoon-Hi Fulbright   | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Immigrant issues are very important to me. Please pass this bill.

**HB-1886**

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Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

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| Joie Yonamine       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Joie Yonamine and I strongly support H.B. 1886, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement. I am writing as an individual and as a member of Indivisible Hawaii.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. In Hawai‘i, we have seen this occur in Kaua‘i, for example.

We are all less safe when masked agents are in our streets. When people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. Additionally, the lack of identification makes it difficult for ordinary people, local law enforcement, and public officials to differentiate genuine law enforcement actions from impersonators exploiting the situation to harm our community members. It also makes it difficult to identify who is behind operations that may employ aggressive tactics, result in constitutional violations, or cause community harm.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors’ right to live without fear.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Joie Yonamine, Manoa

**HB-1886**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Tina Even           | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of HB1886.

Tina Marie Even  
Waikoloa Village

**HB-1886**

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| Kelsey Mapa         | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha! As a community member on Maui, I support this bill because it:

- Improves accountability and public trust with clear identification standards.
- Clarifies authority and collaboration rules, reducing confusion and potential harm.

Mahalo for your attention to this important matter!

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 11:34:19 PM

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Dina Shek           | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I write in SUPPORT of HB 1886. This important measure protects local residents from unlawful surveillance, profiling, and civil rights violations by restricting harmful state–federal cooperation. It prevents state resources from being used to support federal immigration enforcement beyond statutory authority, and it ensures law enforcement accountability by requiring visible identification in public interactions. Please support these important measures to protect all residents of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of my strong support of HB 1886.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/5/2026 12:05:12 AM

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Francis Nakamoto    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Chair Iligan, Vice Chair Hussey and members of the Committee

I support HB1886 and HB2540, which among other things, prohibit the use of masks by law enforcement officers, prevents immigration detentions and arrests in sensitive locations like health care facilities, schools and churches, and confirms the power to arrest and prosecute federal agents who violate the State criminal law and State constitution while engaging in immigration deportation activities.

We should not forget the importance of immigrants to the State of Hawaii, including so-called undocumented immigrants, many of whom have earned their inclusion into Hawaiian society. According to the American Immigration Council, 258,000 Hawaii residents are foreign-born, 18% of the population. They make up 22.3% of our labor force and contribute \$11.6 billion to the economy and pay \$1.4 billion in state and local taxes and \$2.1 billion in federal taxes, \$1.0 billion in social security and \$265 million in Medicare contributions, benefiting all Hawaii residents.

According to the Migration Policy Institute, an estimated 42,000 undocumented or “unauthorized” immigrants reside in Hawaii, 28,000 of who have lived in Hawaii and built lives and families for ten or more years; 16,000 for 20 or more years.

Fourteen thousand own their own homes. All are in jeopardy of imminent and inhumane removal from their homes and families.

As we have seen in the media, undocumented immigrants (and those who look and speak like them in the minds of federal agents) are being treated like criminals, as we have witnessed Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) and Custom and Border Protection (CBP) agents cruelly assault and detain immigrants and citizens alike in Minneapolis and elsewhere on the mainland.

At the very least, every person in the US, citizens and non-citizens alike, are entitled to due process of law. That includes not being arrested without probable cause and their homes and vehicles invaded without constitutionally-mandated judicial warrants. That includes a fair hearing before a neutral judge to determine whether an arrestee is indeed illegally here or not a misidentified US citizen or authorized resident. That means agents be easily identifiable and

wear no mask to conceal their face to avoid accountability for their actions. If local and state officers can perform their duties without masks, so can federal agents.

That means respecting the sanctity of churches and the security health care facilities and schools. There should be no invasions of schools, churches, health care facilities and other sensitive locations to haul out students, teachers, worshipers, patients and health care workers in the midst of performing vital functions of our society.

And to assure our residents are protected, the authority of local and state police to stop, arrest and prosecute federal agents who disrespect of people, commit crimes and violate our State Constitution must be reaffirmed. (To be sure, local law enforcement can and do enforce the law even against fellow officers.) The power to prevent unlawful actions of federal agents should be confirmed legislatively.

For the reasons stated above, I urge your support for HB1886 and HB2540.

Francis M. Nakamoto, Moanalua Valley

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/5/2026 1:46:48 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
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| Daryl Takeno | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Testimony in support of HB2540/HB1886

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Daryl Takeno, and I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Hawaii and have a private practice that focuses on U.S. immigration law. I strongly support H.B. 2540 / H.B. 1886, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

As the public has witnessed in recent weeks in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Trump administration has unleashed thousands of masked ICE agents to the city to racially profile and intimidate minority communities. Their invasion of that city has already led to the killing by ICE officers of two white U.S. citizens, Renee Good and Alex Pretti, neither of whom presented a danger to the ICE officers involved and whom were at the time, engaging in conduct protected by the First Amendment. It should now be clear to everyone that the purpose of the violent tactics employed by ICE is not to protect the public from “immigrant rapists and murderers,” but to provoke riots and chaos so that the Trump administration can arrogate even more power to itself under the guise of a self-created emergency. There is now ample evidence that the real people we should be fearing are not bogeyman immigrants, but these out-of-control federal agents who feel like they can operate outside of the law with impunity.

The signature look of these federal agents has been their face masks, which the Department of Homeland Security asserts is necessary to protect the safety of their agents, and lack of identification on their clothing. Considering the Federal government’s lack of cooperation with local law prosecutors investigating the deaths of Ms. Goode and Mr. Pretti, however, and the administration’s attempts to smear the victims after they were murdered, the real motive behind the masks appears to be to protect agents from accountability when they commit extra-constitutional acts. Their menacing cosplay together with their violent tactics are clearly meant to intimidate communities, not provide them with the safety the purport to provide.

As an attorney who regularly works with immigrants, I have heard of incidents of local police working with ICE at DUI checkpoints and driving around with ICE agents while on patrol. While such incidents may not be widespread, cooperation with ICE will unfortunately cause the public to lose trust in local police and distract the police from their core mission of protecting

their communities. I support this legislation because we should not be spending our tax dollars to have local police assist the Trump administration create a police state in which even U.S. citizens feel that they must carry their “papers” with them so that they can feel safe walking down the street.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Daryl Takeno

**HB-1886**

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Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b>    | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Robert N Mansfield, Jr | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chari Ilagan, Chair, Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair and committee members.

My name is Robert Nawahine Mansfield, Jr. and **I strongly support HB 1886.**

We have witnessed over and over incidents involving secret police tactics, including ordering masked laws enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Our Kaua'i has had such an experience.

This legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors' right to live without fear.

**Please support HB 1886**

Mahalo and sincerely,

Robert Nawahine Mansfield, Jr,

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**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/5/2026 7:46:26 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

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| Alyce Dodge  | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Testimony in **support of HB1886/HB2540**

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Alyce Dodge and I **strongly support [H.B. 1886/ H.B. 2540 ]**, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. We have seen this occur in Kaua‘i, in our own state.

We are all less safe when masked agents are in our streets. When people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. Additionally, the lack of identification makes it difficult for ordinary people, local law enforcement, and public officials to differentiate genuine law enforcement actions from impersonators exploiting the situation to harm our community members. We remember Minnesota State Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband, who were killed by a the law enforcement imposter. Difficulties in identifying the few agents who employ aggressive tactics that result in constitutional violations and cause community harm, **make all law enforcement look bad.**

Law enforcement officers are public servants, who are paid with our tax dollars. We need to remember that their role is to serve the community and make things safer for everyone, not to terrorize and disrupt people who are going about their daily lives legally.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors’ right to live without fear.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Alyce Dodge

**HB-1886**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Yvette Kay          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

My name is Yvette Kay and I am a resident of Kailua-Kona. My address is 77-356 Ainanani Street, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.

I support HB1886. Prohibiting the use of facial coverings, Requiring visible identification by law enforcement officers, and state law enforcement agencies must have written policy are all important to uphold the constitution.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/5/2026 7:59:56 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Gail Larson         | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

If I understand correctly, this bill states that police must be unmasked while arresting an individual. Of course this is necessary!

Please pass this bill.

When people are doing their jobs lawfully they have no reason to mask themselves.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/5/2026 8:19:30 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| janet Matlock       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

We've all seen the news. It is obvious we are all less safe when masked agents are in our streets. When people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. Masks create fear.

Who are these armed, masked people? The lack of identification makes it difficult for ordinary people, local law enforcement, and public officials to differentiate genuine law enforcement actions from impersonators exploiting the situation to harm our community members.

It also makes it difficult to identify who is behind operations that may employ aggressive tactics, result in constitutional violations, or cause community harm.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

Please support public safety.

Mahalo,

janet Matlock

Kailua Kona

**HB-1886**

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Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Peter Matlock       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

SUPPORT: HB1886

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Peter Matlock (Hawai'i Island resident) and I strongly support H.B. 1886, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

Federal agents are acting unlawfully, which any reasonable person recognizes as the reason DHS fights so hard to retain their ability to hide identities.

We are all safer and we are a better community when law enforcement follows the law, there is accountability, and there is trust between law enforcement and the community.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

We believe that this legislation is a step towards improved community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors' right to live without fear.

Please approve HB1886.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Peter Matlock

**HB-1886**

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| Kiara Womack        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Please pass this bill to stop the secret policing and kidnappings going on in our communities. Law enforcement need to show their faces and identify themselves.

**HB-1886**

Submitted on: 2/5/2026 8:27:42 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Gabrielle Clark     | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

To: Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of ECD

Re: SUPPORT HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, HB2540

Hearing: Friday, Feb 6, 2026 — 8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gabrielle Clark and I submit testimony on behalf of myself in strong support of HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, and HB2540. Together, these measures strengthen community safety, due process, and transparency—so immigrant and mixed-status families can access essential services without fear, and survivors can seek help and cooperate with authorities safely.

I firmly believe that everyone, no matter their country of origin, deserves an equal opportunity to live a safe, happy, healthy life. No one should fear for their safety in the pursuit of this. No one, no child, should go to school wondering if they won't make it back home. No one should avoid treating their health conditions out of fear of being detained. Having protected spaces, law enforcement transparency & accountability, accessible legal information, due process & fair opportunities for visas protects the mental health, physical health, and overall wellbeing of our community members. We would all be better for it.

I respectfully urge you to PASS these measures. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Gabrielle Clark  
O'ahu

[gabbynclark@gmail.com](mailto:gabbynclark@gmail.com) / [clarkgn@hawaii.edu](mailto:clarkgn@hawaii.edu)

**HB-1886**

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| Renee Rabb          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

support antimasking. Police of all sorts should be identified

**HB-1886**

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Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

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| Jenna Khan-Gates | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

To: Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of ECD  
 Re: SUPPORT HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, HB2540  
 Hearing: Friday, Feb 6, 2026 — 8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jenna Khan-Gates, and I submit testimony on behalf of myself in strong support of HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, and HB2540. Together, these measures strengthen community safety, due process, and transparency—so immigrant and mixed-status families can access essential services without fear, and survivors can seek help and cooperate with authorities safely.

I support HB1886 because it:

- Improves accountability and public trust with clear identification standards.
- Clarifies authority and collaboration rules, reducing confusion and potential harm.

We respectfully urge you to PASS these measures. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jenna Khan-Gates

O'ahu resident

jennakhan7@gmail.com

**HB-1886**

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| Christian Kaakua    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

**My name is Christian Kaakua, and I am a student in high school from Oahu, testifying in support of HB1886, advocating that federal law enforcement officers ought to be prohibited from wearing face coverings in public as a means for concealing their identity.**

**Not only as a kid, but as a citizen, I am horrified every single day when I watch the news. I see innocent people, mothers, children, and American citizens being unjustly taken off the streets. There is no basis for the actions of ICE. I am disturbed, disgusted, and terrified at the thought of what it means to live in America. As an Asian-American and Native Hawaiian, I realize I don't look like the majority of Americans, and I'm scared of what that could mean for me, given the current actions of ICE. I hope to move to the continent when I graduate from high school, yet I'm seriously reconsidering those plans because I do not feel safe here with the illicit actions of ICE.**

**For these reasons, this bill, HB1886, ought to be passed.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

Feb. 5, 2026

To: Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of ECD  
Re: SUPPORT HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, HB2540  
Hearing: Friday, Feb 6, 2026 — 8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

Apologies for somewhat belated testimony – household emergencies yesterday.

My name is John M. Knox, a retired socio-economic consultant and longtime Waimānalo resident. I submit testimony on behalf of myself in strong support of HB1838, HB1870, HB2445, HB1886, HB1839, and HB2540. Together, these measures strengthen community safety, due process, and transparency—so immigrant and mixed-status families can access essential services without fear, and survivors can seek help and cooperate with authorities safely.

When I was a boy, there was a TV show that took us back to the “thrilling days of yesteryear” when the Lone Ranger was a roving masked knight fighting for the good. The show often ended with grateful townsfolk asking, “Who was that masked man?” Today, that question is still being asked, but no longer gratefully. Transparency and humanity must be restored to law enforcement – ironically, by better laws!

I respectfully urge you to PASS these measures. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

John M. Knox  
Waimānalo  
Johnmknox808@gmail.com

**HB-1886**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Hyo Kwon            | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Hyo Kwon and I strongly support H.B. 1886, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. In Hawai‘i, we have seen this occur in Kaua‘i, for example.

We are all less safe when masked agents are in our streets. When people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. Additionally, the lack of identification makes it difficult for ordinary people, local law enforcement, and public officials to differentiate genuine law enforcement actions from impersonators exploiting the situation to harm our community members. It also makes it difficult to identify who is behind operations that may employ aggressive tactics, result in constitutional violations, or cause community harm.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors' right to live without fear.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Hyo Kwon

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair

Rep. Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

HEARING:

Friday, February 6, 2026 at 8:30 am

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Conference Room 423

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT - HB 1886, RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.**

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Christine Andrews and I am a long-term resident of Wailuku, Maui. I am also an attorney licensed in the state of Hawaii for over 25 years and a founding coalition member of El Pueblo en Acción (EPA) Maui — The People in Action Maui. I am writing in **strong support of HB 1886**, relating to government operations, which establishes provisions regarding state and federal collaboration, establishes identification and facial coverings standards for state and federal law enforcement officers, and specifies that when federal law enforcement officers arrest a person without a warrant, that it is done so in their personal capacity.

I volunteer as a Know Your Rights and constitutional protector trainer and educator statewide. I have helped train teachers and students, business owners and union members, faith leaders and health care providers, parents and senior citizens on what their constitutional rights are, that these rights apply to all within the United States, regardless of citizenship status, and how to ensure these rights are not violated. I have also trained them how to prepare themselves, their staff, and their places of work and community service for interactions with federal agents.

The images we see on the news and social media of aggressive, untrained, and violent unmasked, unbadged persons attacking citizens and noncitizens alike is eroding trust in law enforcement and our government. In my capacity as a volunteer educator, I have heard concerns that victims of sexual and domestic violence, some of our most vulnerable community members, are afraid to call local law enforcement for assistance because they now do not trust law enforcement. I have heard from health care providers that fear of lawless, violent, unmasked and unidentified persons is making people afraid to leave their homes to seek necessary medical care. In my work as a know your rights educator, I have to try to convince people that our local law enforcement are not engaged in immigration enforcement. It is important for us to have legislative protections to ensure that our local law enforcement focus their time and resources on public safety and do not collaborate or receive funds from the federal government that would **break public trust and interfere with the relationship between local law enforcement and the community it serves. That is why I so strongly support HB 1886.**

As a lawyer with an understanding of the Constitution and who has taken an oath to uphold it and the rule of law, what I am witnessing nationwide is chilling. Seeing images of the murder of people engaged in lawful, constitutionally-protected activity has impacted my mental health. As a woman and mother, I am afraid of being targeted by unmasked, unbadged government agents or imposters. I am afraid that

they will take my picture and find out who I am, where I live, and come to my house and harm not just myself but my loved ones. Just yesterday during a training I was conducting, an audience member asked what constitutional observers like me can do to protect themselves from being targeted by federal agents. I said that there really is not much we can do other than rely on our community, document the truth, and hope that the courts and the law will protect us as we peaceably engage in constitutionally-protected activity. Our fear is justified based on the unlawful and violent behavior we are witnessing from federal agents. Behavior that is so egregious that federal agents wear masks and refuse to wear identification because of their shame of their behavior and of their desire to terrorize our communities. **It is important to public safety and trust that law enforcement not mask their identities to hide from accountability to the public they serve. That is why I so strongly support HB 1886.**

Federal agents take photos of people and use name-recognition software to identify them. They take photos of license plates to learn the identity of and track constitutional observers as well as noncitizens. I would ask that this bill be amended to ensure that law enforcement does not use license-plate identifying or tracking technology. It would be one protective step that could help protect not just me, I have chosen to assume the risk, but my family members who live with me. I should not have to fear hostile and lawless agents tracking my activities and endangering the community members I serve. **The goal of the federal executive administration is to frighten people into silence. That is why federal agents wear masks and refuse to identify themselves.** I almost hesitated to submit testimony in support of this bill for fear of retaliation. This is how far we have fallen in the direction of authoritarianism, that people like me fear speaking up for basic, civil protections such as unmasked and properly-identified federal agents. Fortunately, I am not alone. Last week, the No Kings Coalition held an Eyes on ICE: Document and Record national training call. Over 200,000 people participated. There is another training today.

I am an educated, privileged, white person. I, like millions of others, have chosen to use my privilege to stand up for and protect my neighbors and community members. People like me are being killed for it. Yet I am undeterred by the deaths of Renne Goode and Alex Pretti. I am inspired, and millions are standing alongside me. **The government agents who killed Alex Pretti felt empowered to engage in violence openly and with impunity because they felt protected from accountability because they were masked and unidentified.** This bill provides important protection for volunteers like me and for community members who no longer trust their law enforcement agents of any kind.

**I request that you support HB 1886** and help restore rule of law, instill respect on the part of law enforcement, and rebuild trust in government.

Thank you for siding with your community on this issue.

Mahalo,

Christine L. Andrews, J.D.  
Wailuku, Maui  
Volunteer Know Your Rights Educator and Constitutional Observer

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Submitted on: 2/5/2026 2:10:13 PM

Testimony for ECD on 2/6/2026 8:30:00 AM

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| Kyle Phillips Ramsvig | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My name is Kyle Phillips and I live in Kailua. I am writing today to support this bill which will enforce community and statewide standards to federal officers who are guests on our islands. As such, it is their kuleana to treat our neighbors with dignity, respect, and adherence to due process. Arresting citizens without a warrant is categorically unconstitutional and persons who engage in this practice in the name of the federal government must be held accountable at an individual level and tried as private citizens for breaking the law. Thank you.

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| Richard S Velasquez | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

keep places safe

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| Mardi Jaskot | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Mardi Jaskot and I vote. I **strongly support H.B. 1886**, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. In Hawai'i, we have seen this occur in Kaua'i, for example.

I grew up on Oahu and one of the joys and strengths of our islands is that we have all been close neighbors and even family whether we are civilians or civil servants, including our police. Please maintain the professionalism and trust necessary for our productive and safe island communities through affirming H.B. 1886.

We are all less safe when masked agents are in our streets. When people fear law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. Additionally, the lack of identification makes it difficult for ordinary people, local law enforcement, and public officials to differentiate genuine law enforcement actions from impersonators exploiting the situation to harm our community members. It also makes it difficult to identify who is behind operations that may employ aggressive tactics, result in constitutional violations, or cause community harm.

We must also prevent our local law enforcement from being co-opted into federal law enforcement operations that are ripping our neighbors away from their families and hurting our communities. Our state and local policies should ensure our law enforcement agencies do not support this gross federal overreach.

We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors' right to live without fear.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Mardi Jaskot

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| Ann Dorsey   | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

I urge you to **support [H.B. 2540 / H.B. 1886]**, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

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This legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our advantage to protect our neighbors’ right to live without fear.

Thank you

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| Meadow Dawn Stassens | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Meadow Dawn Stassens and I strongly support [H.B. 2540 / H.B. 1886], which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. In Hawai'i, we have seen this occur in Kaua'i, for example.

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We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our responsibility to protect our neighbors' right to live without fear.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Meadow Dawn Stassens

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| Maria Welvaert      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Support HB1886.

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| Jahnavi Stassens    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Jahnavi Richter Stassens and I strongly support [H.B. 2540 / H.B. 1886], which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. In Hawai'i, we have seen this occur in Kaua'i, for example.

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We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our responsibility to protect our neighbors' right to live without fear.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jahnvi Richter Stassens

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Beth Anderson       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

We watched ICE officers with masks terrorize citizens of our country the past few months. I support HB 1886 in order to help restore civility and protocols we expect from law enforcement versus masked officers intimidating citizens.

Thank you for considering my views.

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| Nancy Manglallan-Yang | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Immigration officers must be required to identify themselves and must not be allowed to hide their identity with facial coverings. To hide their faces is to allow a secret police that can carry out whatever violence against residents of Hawaii. Anyone can then claim to be an officer, and no one would be held accountable to crimes.

I also adamantly opposed that Hawaii's resources and officers be forced to participate or aid in the unlawful actions against nonviolent immigrants and US citizens currently being carried out by ICE. It is our right as a state to refuse to

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| maile nakano        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

No secret police!

Show aloha

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Jason Nakano        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My name is Jason Nakano and I strongly support HB 1886, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

We are all less safe when masked law enforcement is allowed to operate in our community. We have seen how masked Federal law enforcement on the continent has allowed them to act with impunity and be unaccountable for their unlawful activities. This has severely eroded public trust in Federal law enforcement. We should protect our communities from federal secret police tactics.

We should also protect our local police from being co-opted into Federal law enforcement operations. We need to preserve public trust in local law enforcement and protect them from litigation resulting from their participation in potentially unlawful Federal actions.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Jason Nakano

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Rebecca Haynes      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

My name is Rebecca Haynes and I strongly support H.B. 1886, which bans extreme masking by law enforcement, requires that officers visibly identify themselves, and limits state and county law enforcement’s cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

In Minnesota and throughout the continent, we have witnessed the growing police force that the Trump administration is building employ secret police tactics, including ordering masked law enforcement agencies and military troops into cities. Federal agents are taking our immigrant neighbors. In Hawai‘i, we have seen this occur in Kaua‘i, for example.

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We believe that this legislation is a step towards real community safety and trust. It is our kuleana to protect our neighbors’ right to live without fear.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Haynes

Zip: 96789