



## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB2057 SD1, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

### SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY

February 26, 2026

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

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i **strongly supports SB2057 SD1**. This bill aligns squarely with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform's core commitments to civil liberties, accountable government, and public safety that is just, equitable, and free from discrimination. The Platform affirms that government must be transparent, restrained by checks and balances, and accountable to the people. This measure reflects those principles by ensuring that state resources are not used to facilitate federal actions that exceed lawful authority or undermine constitutional protections.

The Platform further recognizes that true public safety cannot be achieved through policing alone and that laws must be enforced fairly, without discrimination or disproportionate harm to communities of color. By limiting state participation in civil immigration enforcement—particularly at sensitive locations such as schools, health facilities, places of worship, and courthouses—this bill protects access to essential services and promotes community trust, which is foundational to public safety.

Additionally, the Platform strongly supports the protection of First Amendment rights, religious freedom, and freedom from oppression or retaliatory government action. This bill is consistent with those values by prohibiting the use of state personnel or resources to assist in operations that target constitutionally protected activity.

Importantly, this measure does not prevent federal authorities from carrying out their duties, nor does it interfere with lawful criminal enforcement. It simply affirms Hawai'i's right—and responsibility—to decide how its own resources are used, in a manner consistent with constitutional values and ethical governance.

For these reasons, this bill is fully consistent with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform, and we respectfully urge the Committee to pass this measure.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB2057 SD1. 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).



SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

HEARING:  
Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 10:00 am  
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, 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 SB 2057, SD1**, which prohibits law enforcement agencies from using any personnel or funds originating in the state to assist or facilitate conduct by federal agents that exceeds their statutory duty or authority, and prohibits law enforcement officers from assisting or cooperating with or allowing resources to be used to facilitate federal agents engaged in operations that target individuals or entities for activities protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution or immigration enforcement operations.

Roots Reborn is a grassroots immigrant justice and disaster-response organization formed in the aftermath of the 2023 Maui wildfires. Since then, we have become essential infrastructure for immigrant residents navigating recovery, housing instability, and federal policy shifts. Trust is the foundation of safety in our communities — and today, that trust is eroding under the fear of federal overreach. Families skip work and school; patients decline medical care; congregants stay home from church. We hear from survivors of violence, including women and children, who are now afraid to seek help from local police.

**SB 2057, SD1** is critical to restore confidence that Hawai'i's law enforcement serves and protects our communities — not federal operations that violate constitutional rights.

Our coalition's volunteer observers, trained to lawfully and peacefully document enforcement activity in public spaces, do so to promote transparency and accountability, values central to democracy. The tragic deaths of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, volunteer observers killed by federal agents in Minneapolis, underscore the stakes. Their story was told only because other observers were present to record the incident — a right protected under the First Amendment.

We are increasingly concerned about data-sharing between local law enforcement and federal agencies that could expose observers or community members to intimidation. Reports from the continent describe the use of facial recognition and license plate data to track and target individuals engaged in constitutionally protected activity. SB 2057, SD1 offers needed guardrails to prevent such misuse of local resources and protect both residents and those who defend their rights.

**We urge your support for SB 2057, SD1.** Protecting local autonomy, civil rights, and community trust strengthens public safety for all.

Sinceramente and in memory of Renee Good and Alex Pretti,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Veronica', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Veronica Mendoza  
Maui Roots Reborn, *Founding Executive Director*  
El Pueblo en Accion Maui, *Founding Coalition Member*

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 6:07:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support SB2057 SD1 that prohibits law enforcement agencies from using any personnel or funds originating in the state to assist or facilitate conduct by federal agents that exceeds their statutory duty or authority, and prohibits law enforcement officers from assisting or cooperating with or allowing resources to be used to facilitate federal agents engaged in operations that target individuals or entities for activities protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution or immigration enforcement operations.

The misuse of federal partnerships to conduct raids, broaden surveillance, and intimidate communities is a threat to democratic governance and local safety. When state and local police take part in ICE’s abusive practices and play the role of federal immigration agents, it makes communities less safe by eroding trust in local law enforcement and deterring immigrant families from coming forward when they are the victims of crime or even asking for basic assistance.

It is in the interest of our communities to make sure that no public employee volunteers state and local resources, including data and equipment, to federal personnel who would use it to violate our rights.

I urge the committee to pass this important measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 8:18:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for hearing SB2057.

a member of Indivisible Hawaii

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 8:52:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tim Huycke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I retired after serving as a police officer for 34 years. Immigration is a federal crime, so a state-certified police officer has no jurisdiction enforcing a federal law. State-certified police officers have their own crimes to respond to.

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 8:58:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark Van Horne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of SB2057. This Bill would add a section to Chapter 139 HRS prohibiting law enforcement from collaborating with federal agents in an operation seeking to penalize the exercise of First Amendment rights or constituting immigration enforcement.

We see daily examples of ICE, CBP and other DHS agents scooping people off the streets of America claiming immigration enforcement against “terrible criminals and really bad people” and disappearing them to facilities around the country. They incarcerated, apparently in substandard facilities with inadequate sanitation and food, deprived of their due process rights, and too often shipped to foreign countries before any judicial process.

SB2057 puts a tool in Hawaii’s toolbox which protects our law enforcement personnel and funds from being dragooned into service of the unAmerican, unconstitutional violations of civil rights and basic standards of decency we are seeing fom federal agents. It’s the kind of law that you hope you never need, but if you do it could save lives and families. Pass this bill to keep Hawaii law enforcement from becoming involved in these activities for which they would later be held accountable.

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 10:09:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gaye Chan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Collaboration between local law enforcement and federal immigration enforcement actions — often through 287(g) agreements — is dangerous, because it erodes community trust, discourages crime reporting, and fuels racist profiling. Collaboration between local law enforcement and federal immigration enforcement ultimately makes us all less safe.

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 10:54:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Darryl Nordstrom	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in strong support of SB2057 both personally and as a member of the Indivisible Hawaii State Network (IHSN). This Bill would add a section to Chapter 139 HRS prohibiting law enforcement from collaborating with federal agents in an operation seeking to penalize the exercise of First Amendment rights or constituting immigration enforcement.

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**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 5:46:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Local law enforcement and local resources should be used for local purposes, not to advance a federal administration's unconstitutional agenda. Please pass this bill.

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 8:49:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please accept this as testimony in overwhelming support of SB2057.

The federal government, led by a mad man crazy with his legacy, full of revenge, who lies, repeatedly, is using troops to take away liberties enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. This is an important bill which will push back on actions when suddenly ICE appears in high numbers in the islands. Unfortunately it has come to this. And, he is now thinking of having ICE acting in our elections.

Please move this bill forward.

Lynne Matusow

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 9:31:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony in strong support of SB2057 both personally, as a Lahaina resident, and as a member of Indivisible Hawai'i.

SB2057 would add a section to Chapter 139 of Hawai'i Revised Statues prohibiting law enforcement from collaborating with federal agents in an operation seeking to penalize the exercise of First Amendment rights or constituting immigration enforcement.

In September of 2025, as part of President Trump's pattern of abusing his power to target critics through unconstitutional invocations of law enforcement, national security, and financial sanctions authorities, he issued a presidential memorandum authorizing government-wide investigations into non-profits, activists, and their donors and funders, using vague and overbroad labels of "terrorism" and "conspiracy against rights." This National Security Presidential Memorandum, NSPM-7, called "Countering Domestic Terrorism and Organized Political Violence," essentially allows the Trump administration to go after *anyone* who disagrees with him and is not devoutly MAGA.

Who are these citizens the Trump administration has categorized as domestic terrorist threats? Anyone with a view that is "anti-Americanism," "anti-Christianity," "extremism on migration," "extremism on race," "extremism on gender," or opposition to the good old "traditional American views on family, religion, and morality." But as we all should know, having an opinion that differs from the Trump administration is not domestic terror; it is civic duty, and it is protected by the First Amendment. This NSPM-7 flies in the face of our First Amendment rights and the use of local law enforcement to effect this aggressive attack on liberty must be rejected.

National security policies and practices are most effective when they respect constitutional values and the rule of law and are subjected to stringent oversight as well as public accountability. Yet, NSPM-7 actively rejects the rule of law and we have seen that there has been absolutely no accountability, much less public accountability.

Hima Shamsi, Director of the ACLU's National Security Project, issued the following statement in response to Trump's memorandum:

Working from a fever dream of conspiracies, President Trump has launched yet another effort to investigate and intimidate his critics.

After one of the most harrowing weeks for our First Amendment rights, the President is invoking political violence, which we all condemn, as an excuse to target non-profits and activists with the false and stigmatizing label of ‘domestic terrorism.’ This is a shameful and dangerous move. But the President cannot rewrite the Constitution by memo.

Intimidation tactics against those standing up for human rights and civil liberties are sadly not new in the history of this country. In an earlier era, civil rights movement leaders were also labeled security threats and investigated, monitored, threatened, and even arrested. True strength in this country comes not from political leaders engaged in fearmongering and political vendettas, but from our vibrant civil society, activists, and communities steadfastly pursuing the goals of equality, fairness, and democracy for all.[\[1\]](#)

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It is the duty of city and state governments to protect their residents from this aggressive and illegal federal overreach. One extremely effective way for city and state governments to satisfy their obligations to their residents is through implementing policies that limit cooperation with immigrant authorities. SB2057 does just that, giving Hawaii’s a vital tool to protect our law enforcement personnel and funds from being dragooned into service of the un-American, unconstitutional violations of civil rights and basic standards of decency we are seeing from federal agents. SB2057 is the kind of law that you hope you never need, but if you do it could save lives and families. Pass this bill to keep Hawaii law enforcement from becoming involved in these activities for which they would later be held accountable.

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Danielle Goren

Lahaina, HI

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[1] ACLU Statement on the Trump Administration's Memorandum Targeting Political Opponents, Sep. 25, 2025, ret. <https://www.aclu.org/press-releases/aclu-statement-on-the-trump-administrations-memorandum-targeting-political-opponents>

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 9:35:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James E Raymond	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you -- I am a member of Indivisible Windward.

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 10:22:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Thank you for allowing the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Gail Morrison

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 11:20:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Muftiah Martin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

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Mahalo for receiving my testimony.

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 11:28:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JANE TOLLEFSRUD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for continuing to support the First Amendment rights of all US residents. Please prohibit law enforcement officers from assisting or cooperating with federal agents (ICE, and others) trying to target individuals. Please require all law enforcement agents to follow the rule of law.

Mahalo

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 11:29:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

in support

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 11:30:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
DeWaine Tollefsrud	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for this opportunity to express my support for SB2057.

Our law enforcement officers should not be allowed to assist or cooperate with federal immigration agents engaged in operations that target individuals or entities for activities protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution or immigration enforcement operations.

Mahalo for your service.

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 12:19:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in support of SB2057 SD1, and think it is a very important bill.

I believe a bill like this is necessary to codify in state law to protect the independence of our state and local law enforcement.

I also think it is wise to codify that the local police of Hawai'i are there to protect those engaged in nonviolent First Amendment rights practices (i.e., filming, protesting, yelling), regardless of their point of view.

I do not believe that assisting with federal officers who want to target those who are expressing their First Amendment rights by arresting or otherwise detaining them is in our state's best interest when they are in essence, acting as agents for the federal officers. Having a law like this on the side of our local officers gives them clear guidance and bona fide authority to not be compelled to do so.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 1:10:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terry McDonald	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

WE strongly support this measure. We can not let our HPD be dragged into these non-criminal proceedings, where the only thing certain is huge reputational harm working with ICE on their illegal attempts to control protesters would be.

thank you for your dedication. Lets pass this bill

Terry McDonald

East hawai'i Indivisible

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 1:20:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Calvin Black	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill reinforces that public safety is built on trust, not fear, and that immigration enforcement should not be entangled with routine policing. By drawing clear boundaries, SB2057 SD1 safeguards civil liberties, prevents racial profiling, and ensures Hawaii's diverse communities - including its 258,000 immigrants - can access essential services without fear of detention or deportation. As an individual and as a member of Indivisible, I support this bill and urge its passage.

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February 24, 2026

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Aloha, Senators,

**I am submitting this testimony in support of SB2057 SD1, "Relating to Law Enforcement."**

This Bill will protect the Constitutional First Amendment rights of all of us. People must never be targeted by law enforcement activities that seek to prevent them from expressing their views or punish them for doing so. No one, no matter how important or powerful they aspire to be, can be permitted to come between the people of this land and their First Amendment rights to practice their religion or other belief system. Also, people need to know that they can say what they need to say without retaliation from law enforcement. Children need to be safe at their schools. People who are ill and hospitalized need to be protected, too.

**Due Process is also guaranteed under the Constitution for everyone. If anyone is denied due process, then everyone could lose their right to due process. We would all be at risk.** Everyone has a right to legal counsel and **a chance to plead their case if ever taken into custody**, just as Donald Trump himself had when he was charged with crimes. He always had due process.

I am haole (caucasian) and have lived in Hawai'i for nearly 50 years; I embrace diversity and oppose the white-supremacist agenda that is playing out in the US.

I urge you to protect us all by voting for **SB2057 SD1**.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Eileen Cain,  
Mō'ili'ili, Honolulu, Hawai'i



**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 3:22:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Rowe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill limiting collaboration with the Fed's!

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 3:34:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cassidy Hollenbeck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of SB2057. This bill would prohibit state and local law enforcement from collaborating with federal operations that target the exercise of First Amendment rights or involve civil immigration enforcement.

We are witnessing federal immigration actions across the country that raise serious concerns about due process, civil rights, and basic standards of decency. SB2057 ensures that Hawai'i's law enforcement personnel and resources are not drawn into actions that undermine constitutional protections.

This is a safeguard we hope never to need, but one that could protect families, communities, and officers from lasting harm. I urge you to pass SB2057. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-2057-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 4:24:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Collat	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Aloha, Michael

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Submitted on: 2/24/2026 4:39:25 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Leigh Knittle	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**SB2057 PROHIBITS ASSISTING FEDS AGAINST FIRST AMENDMENT**

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