

SB 388

RELATING TO POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Requires each county police department to post its policies relating to domestic violence, officer-involved domestic violence, and standards of conduct on its official website.

PSM



TO: Chair Will Espero
Vice Chair, Roz Baker
Members of the Committee on Public Safety

FR: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.

RE: SB 388 Support

Aloha and thank you for considering the importance of strengthening our law enforcement response to domestic violence. This Bill is one measure that will help the community achieve that.

As public servants charged with the critical and life altering role of responding to domestic violence in our community's homes, it is essential that our law enforcement officers are well trained, well supervised and accountable for the work they do. This would involve, it seems to us, a level of personal conduct that aligns with the professional standards for upholding the laws of our State.

That necessarily begins with clear policies and awareness of those policies. The policies would need to be known by officers themselves, the families of officers and the community at large. Unless and until department personnel and community know policy there isn't any way for there to be expectations about conduct or the ability to follow policy.

Thank you for bringing this to the table for discussion by the community. We urge your favorable action on S.B. 388.



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TESTIMONY

Janet Mason, Co-Chair, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Name/Names, Vice-Chair Name or Names, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports SB388 which would require county police departments to post their policies on domestic violence, officer-involved domestic violence and standards of conduct on police department websites.

This is a straightforward measure, whose underlying purpose is to encourage accountability on the part of our police Departments. Having a clear policy statement is the first step in a process whereby the public can hold the Department to reasonable standards. We're confident this would be a useful, practical step; in fact it's a normal part of good employee management.

We urge you to pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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