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**LATE**

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Representative Scott Y Nishimoto, Chair

2/28/2017  
Rm. 325, 2:00 PM

HB 1534 HD 1  
Relating to Residence Requirements For Appointed Officers

Chair Nishimoto, and Members of this Committee, my name is Max Sword, Chair of the Honolulu Police Commission (Commission), here on behalf of the Commission in support of HB 1534.

Tomorrow starts the official retirement of Chief Louis Kealoha and also officially kicks off the start of our search for a new Chief for the Honolulu Police Department.

In our search for a new Chief, we would like to extend our search beyond the State for the best candidate that we can find. Having the restriction of a one-year residence requirement, will limit that ability.

We hope you will help the Commission in our search for the best candidate for the next Police Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, by passing this bill out.

One amendment I would like to offer is that the language in this bill shall take effect upon its approval.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2017

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Karin Nomura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I feel that in some instances that offering a wider pool of candidates for the job has the potential of bringing in more qualified candidates for the job. Not to mention, the possibility of new or other proven methods for handling various situations, and maybe a means of weeding out those who don't play by the rules listed...

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Don Aweau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Urge committee members to strongly oppose this bill as it will take away opportunities from island residents to apply and be appointed to positions for which they may be fully qualified for. As a Native Hawaiian, I have seen many qualified individuals who otherwise would've been passed over for public service and this requirement has objectively kept it fair and competitive. Our appointed authorities must do more to provide more diversity in hiring their department heads, deputies, assistants, etc. The one-year requirement gives island residents a fighting chance and it provides a unique perspective once an individual resides here and to fully appreciate the kuleana they will be given, once appointed.

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