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February 14, 2009

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1506, Relating to Pedestrian Safety

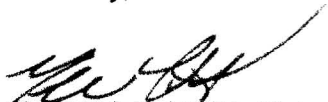
I am Major Thomas Nitta of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department strongly supports House Bill No. 1506, Relating to Pedestrian Safety. This bill prohibits the sale, solicitation for sale, or the soliciting of donations by pedestrians on highways or streets.

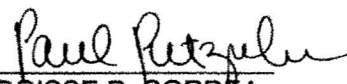
This is a major safety concern for the pedestrians soliciting and the distraction it causes for the operators of motor vehicles.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


THOMAS T. NITTA, Major
Traffic Division

APPROVED:

for: 
BOISSE P. CORREA
Chief of Police

February 11, 2009

To: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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DATE: Saturday, February 14, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.

RE: Testimony in favor of:

HB 1506

RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Prohibits pedestrian from walking in or on highway or its right of way for the purpose of soliciting for sale or selling anything or for soliciting or accepting donations of any kind.

Aloha Chair Souki and Members,

This correspondence is for the purpose of expressing my support for HB 1506. As an individual who drives on the roadways daily, I have seen many potentially dangerous incidents that could have occurred due to a pedestrian who is either soliciting newspaper or individuals accepting donations. Such individuals have almost been struck by drivers' vehicles, not to mention that; pedestrians on highways make it unsafe for those who are behind the wheel. I am sure that my fellow citizens within the driving community have also seen the same. I hope you will vote in support of this bill, which would allow more safety in the communities of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

Michelle Kelly