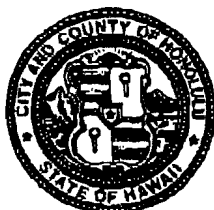


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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
and Members of the  
Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

Subject: H.B. 2715 Relating to Police Officers

I am Kenneth Y. Nakamatsu, Director of Human Resources for the City and County of Honolulu. I am testifying in favor of the concept in H.B. 2715, H.D. 1 to provide a way for the State government to assist the counties in addressing the recruitment and retention of police officers in Hawaii.

Currently, the counties have limited revenue-raising capability and the State does not contribute financially toward police officer compensation. This Bill provides State funding to enhance the recruitment and retention of police officers.

Therefore, I support the concept in H.B. 2715 H.D. 1 to obtain additional funding for the men and women who become police officers and dedicate their lives to protecting and serving the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Nakamatsu".

KEN Y. NAKAMATSU  
Director of Human Resources