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Support: 1

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Testimony: Honolulu City CouncilWednesday, April 16, 2025 Subject: Testimony in Strong Support of Establishing a Task Force to Address HPD Vacancies Aloha Chair and Members of the Honolulu City Council, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to create a Task Force dedicated to addressing the critical issue of vacancies within the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). It is deeply concerning that over \$50 million from HPD's budget has been returned unused, while vacancies have increased from 320 positions to over 450. These vacancies compromise public safety, place undue strain on our current officers, and leave our communities vulnerable. A Task Force that brings together community leaders, law enforcement professionals, and other stakeholders to strategically address these vacancies is not only necessary but overdue. We deserve clear explanations and solutions regarding budget management and resource allocation. The transparency and accountability promised by this Task Force are essential for restoring community trust and ensuring our safety. Please prioritize public safety and budget transparency by supporting the formation of this Task Force. Our communities depend on swift and decisive action. Mahalo for your attention and commitment. Respectfully, Adam Lee Waialua, HI		