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Testimony

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Aloha Councilmembers,

I am encouraged by the Council's focus on the shortage of officers with HPD. Providing efficient and effective public security is foundational to proper city government. The proposed task force in this resolution is a sound step to resolving this challenge. I encourage this task force to move swiftly to rectify the situation. I urge the Committee to SUPPORT this resolution!

May 24/2025

Testimony of Edward Fujioka in support of Resolution 25-160

Aloha Chair Okimoto and members of the Public Safety committee My name is Eddie Fujioka, and I'm here to stress the urgent need for recruiting more police dispatchers. These professionals are the heartbeat of emergency response, the first voice people hear in crisis, and the critical link between those in need and officers on the ground.

Right now, dispatch centers across the country are overwhelmed. Understaffing leads to delayed responses, increased stress, and unfortunately, lives at risk. When seconds count, we need trained dispatchers who can handle multiple emergencies, ensure officer safety, and provide lifesaving assistance to callers.

Investing in more dispatchers isn't just about numbers—it's about public safety, officer well-being, and community trust. A fully staffed team means faster response times, more efficient coordination, and ultimately, a safer city for all of us. I urge you to support initiatives to recruit, train, and retain these indispensable professionals. Lives depend on it. Thank you.