RES26-108
Testimony

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Meeting Date: May 13, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Ohana Unity Party	Support	May 9, 2026 @ 06:33 PM

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**Letter of Support for the Resolution

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

I am writing in **strong support** of the resolution authorizing the Honolulu Police Department and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to apply for and accept **FY2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds** in the amount of **$457,130**.

This federal funding is critically important at a time when Honolulu faces serious public safety challenges and operates under a very tight FY2027 budget. The JAG program provides flexible funding that helps local law enforcement address priority needs such as:

- Crime prevention and reduction programs
- Law enforcement equipment and technology upgrades
- Prosecution, court, and victim services support
- Youth violence prevention and intervention
- Community policing initiatives

Supporting our police department with these grant funds allows HPD to enhance its capabilities **without placing additional burden on local taxpayers**. In a budget environment where the operating budget grew by only +0.97% and capital projects were significantly cut, leveraging every available federal dollar is responsible and fiscally prudent.

I particularly support the resolution's authorization for **Interim Chief Rade Vanic** (or his designee) to execute the necessary agreements. Chief Vanic has shown strong leadership during a difficult transitional period, and empowering him to secure these funds demonstrates confidence in his ability to manage resources effectively for the benefit of Honolulu's residents.

This grant directly supports the goals of the HPD 2025 Strategic Plan and helps maintain essential services that keep our communities safe.

I urge the Council to **unanimously approve** this resolution so that these critical funds can be secured and put to work as quickly as possible.

Mahalo for your continued support of public safety and wise stewardship of taxpayer resources.

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Testimony:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support RES26-108

AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FOR FUNDS FROM THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FY2025 LOCAL SOLICITATION.

TO INCLUDE CONTINUE FUNDING TO ADDRESS "LAW ENFORCEMENT, PREVENTIVE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM SUCH AS THE "SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS" AT WAI'ANAE HIGH SCHOOL AND KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL AND TO INLCUDE NANAKULI INTER/HIGH SCHOOL - ALL DEPT OF EDUCATION STATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.