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June 2, 2026

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 22 (2026), CD2, FD1, Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

The HPD respectfully requests reconsideration of the CD2-FD1 (TW1) amendments. While CD2 was budget-neutral with respect to recruitment and retention incentives, CD2-FD1 (TW1) reduces salary funding by $1.843 million while also adding recruitment and retention incentive provisos. As a result, the amendment would create a permanent reduction in available funding while also requiring these unfunded mandates to be absorbed within existing salary appropriations.

In addition, CD2-FD1 (TW1) adds a $280,000 Community Policing Team (CPT) proviso without corresponding funding. A similar unfunded CPT proviso in Fiscal Year 2026 required the HPD to redirect funding from patrol priorities, including rifles, ballistic shields, ballistic helmets, and other operational needs.

These changes increase the HPD's Fiscal Year 2027 salary funding shortfall and reduce the department's flexibility to address staffing and operational requirements. The HPD respectfully requests restoration of the funding removed by CD2-FD1 (TW1) and corresponding removal of the unfunded provisos.

DEPT. COM. 372(26)

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

RADE K. VANIC
Interim Chief of Police

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