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TESTIMONY ON HCR 143
A RESOLUTION URGING THE JUDICIARY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND THE
COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO WORK IN A COORDINATED EFFORT TO
DETERMINE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PERMANENTLY ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM
OF A BACKLOG IN UNSERVED ARREST WARRANTS THAT GOES BEYOND ONLY FISCAL
AND BUDETARY DISCUSSIONS OR SOLUTIONS.

by
Clayton Frank, Director
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Committee on Public Safety
Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 02, 2000, 9:30am
State Capitol, Room 309

Representative Hanohano and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) is willing to work together with the Judiciary and all county Police Departments to evaluate any problem regarding warrants and to develop a realistic plan to resolve any issue that exists. PSD had over 75,000 warrants on file in 2003, however, today there are approximately 35,000. Of those approximately 35,000 warrants, approximately 900 felony warrants are issued every year including Grand Jury warrants, Parole warrants, Intake Service warrants and Drug Court warrants. The bulk of the remainder are traffic warrants. All agencies work hand in hand to ensure that when an inquiry is made by an officer of an individual, the officer has instant verification of any outstanding warrant, on a 24/7 basis.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony for PBS 4/2/2009 9:30:00 AM **HCR143**

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Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I am writing in support of HCR 143, a measure that tries to reduce the number of unserved warrants. As the chair of the Downtown Neighborhood I have seen the crime in our streets get worse. time and time again the criminal is arrested only to discovered that a warrant had been issued and never acted on.

As a society we need to make sure that the backlog of 61,500 unserved warrants do not turn into more crime in our neighborhoods.

I respectfully ask you to pass this resolution.

Frank Lavoie