



House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair

RE: Testimony in Support of H.B. 1790 H.D. 1, Relating to Policing
Hearing: February 18, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ben Creps. I am a staff attorney at the Public First Law Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes government transparency. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of H.B. 1790 H.D. 1.

Accountability in law enforcement is the backbone of public trust. It protects constitutional rights and improves officer safety and professionalism. And it helps communities understand whether law enforcement agencies are acting in accordance with community values and legal standards.

This bill takes meaningful steps toward greater accountability in law enforcement by requiring the collection of detailed data on stops, uses of force, and complaints. It also requires data centralization and public reporting, which helps ensure that the public, policymakers, and oversight entities have access to accurate and useful incident-level information. .

We appreciate this bill's commitment to transparency and encourage the Committee to ensure that any adopted rules prioritize clarity and public accessibility.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 1790 H.D. 1.

