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The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
And Members  
Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 699 Relating to Marijuana

My name is Darryl D. Perry, Chief of Police for the County of Kaua'i.

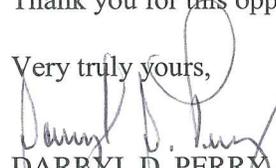
The Kauai Police Department is **opposed** to H.B. NO. 699, relating to marijuana use, cultivation, manufacturing, and distribution.

My opposition is based on the following:

1. Marijuana is still properly categorized under Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. The distribution of any narcotics cannot be condoned by law enforcement even if the narcotics are being portrayed as "medicine."
2. This act would violate current Hawaii Revised Statutes relating to controlled substances, but it may also inadvertently contribute to the potential of providing greater opportunities to distribute marijuana to our children in and around schools.
3. Recent research studies have proven that the active ingredients in marijuana greatly contribute to both physical and mental deterioration.
4. Crimes of violence are known to be connected to the use of marijuana not only on the mainland, but here on our island home. These crimes include but are not limited to homicides, brutal assaults, rapes, robberies, domestic violence, child abuse, elderly abuse, traffic fatalities, and the like.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

  
DARRYL D. PERRY  
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