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January 6, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President and Members of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Department of the Attorney General's Report on Incidents of Unnecessary or Excessive Force on Arrestees by the Department of the Attorney General, as required by section 803-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with section 93-16, HRS, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at http://ag.hawaii.gov/publications/reports/reports-to-the legislature/.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (808) 586-1500.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Lopez

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c: Josh Green, M.D., Governor Sylvia Luke, Lieutenant Governor Legislative Reference Bureau (Attn: Karen Mau) Leslie H. Kondo, State Auditor Luis Salaveria, Director of Finance, Department of Budget and Finance Stacey A. Aldrich, State Librarian, Hawaii State Public Library System Wendy F. Hensel, President, University of Hawaii

Enclosure

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Pursuant to section 803-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes

For Calendar Year 2024

Submitted to the Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025

Section 803-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), requires each relevant department director and county police department chief to submit an annual report of incidents of unnecessary or excessive force on arrestees that were reported by law enforcement officers to their supervisors during each calendar year.

Section 803-7(b), HRS, provides that: A law enforcement officer who reasonably believes that another law enforcement officer is using unnecessary or excessive force on an arrestee that violates an applicable law or departmental policy shall have a duty to:

- Immediately intervene to prevent the use of unnecessary or excessive force by the other law enforcement officer; provided that the intervention can be safely accomplished; and
- (2) Report the incident to the other law enforcement officer's supervisor as soon as practicable.

The reporting required is on incidents reported pursuant to section 803-7(b).

The Department of the Attorney General did not have any incidents of unnecessary or excessive force on arrestees during the reporting period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.