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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 134-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

3 "(c) This section shall not apply to law enforcement  
4 officers of county police and sheriff departments of this  
5 [State,] state, conservation and resources enforcement officers  
6 duly authorized under chapter 199 while performing their duties  
7 in the counties of Hawaii and Maui, or vendors providing  
8 electric guns to those entities; provided that electric guns  
9 shall at all times remain in the custody and control of the  
10 county police or sheriff departments~~[-]~~ or the conservation and  
11 resources enforcement program of the department of land and  
12 natural resources.

13 (d) The county police and sheriff departments of this  
14 [State] state and the conservation and resources enforcement  
15 program of the department of land and natural resources shall  
16 maintain records regarding every electric gun in their custody  
17 and control. ~~[Such]~~ The records shall report every instance of  
18 usage of the electric guns; in particular, records shall be



1 maintained in a similar manner as for those of discharging of  
2 firearms. The county police and sheriff departments and the  
3 conservation and resources enforcement program shall annually  
4 report to the legislature regarding these records twenty days  
5 before the beginning of each session."

6 SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural  
7 resources shall establish a two-year pilot project allowing  
8 conservation and resources enforcement officers performing their  
9 duties in the counties of Hawaii and Maui to carry and use  
10 electric guns.

11 (b) The department of land and natural resources shall use  
12 its discretion as to which conservation and resources  
13 enforcement officers in the counties of Hawaii and Maui shall be  
14 issued electric guns for the pilot project.

15 (c) The department of land and natural resources shall  
16 report to the legislature not less than twenty days prior to the  
17 convening of the regular session of 2010 on:

18 (1) The advantages and disadvantages of the use of  
19 electric guns by conservation and resources  
20 enforcement officers during the pilot project;

21 (2) Any safety concerns; and



1 (3) Any recommendations and suggested legislation to  
2 improve or discontinue the pilot project.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
6 purchase of electric guns, related equipment, and training in  
7 their use for conservation and resources enforcement officers.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
9 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008;  
13 provided that this Act shall be repealed on June 30, 2010, and  
14 section 134-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in  
15 the form in which it read on the day prior to the effective date  
16 of this Act.

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**Report Title:**

DOCARE Officers; Tasers

**Description:**

Establishes a two-year pilot project authorizing Department of Land and Natural Resources' Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers to use tasers while performing their duties within the Counties of Hawaii and Maui.

