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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

ON HOUSE BILL 3016, HOUSE DRAFT 2 – RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE**

February 22, 2008

House Bill 3016, House Draft 2 authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) to use tasers while performing their duties within the State. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the usage of tasers by its DOCARE Officers, but has concerns with the fiscal implications this bill will have on the Executive Supplemental Budget request.

Tasers provide a viable alternative to the need for escalating deadly force when dealing with a combative suspect. While reducing risk and injury to both DOCARE Officers and suspects, tasers have proven to be a useful tool for law enforcement throughout the United States and Hawaii. The Department also acknowledges the need to provide adequate training for its officers and establish protocols governing the use of tasers and management of equipment before moving forward with this initiative.

At this time, the Department respectfully asks for this Committee's support for the addition of eleven conservation and resources enforcement positions and four clerk typist positions for deployment statewide to each of the four counties as identified in the Department's supplemental budget request. These additional positions would increase needed staffing statewide and would help improve conservation enforcement capabilities in each of the four counties. In addition, Department respectfully asks for support on the passage of the Department's enforcement package, House Bill 3177, House Draft 1 - RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, House Bill 3178 - RELATING TO CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS ON PUBLIC LANDS, and House Bill 3176 - RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES FOR DAMAGE TO STONY CORAL AND LIVE ROCK .



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The Twenty-Fourth Legislature, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Finance

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association – HGEA/AFSCME, Local 152
February 22, 2008

**H.B. 3016, HD2 – RELATING TO
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association supports the passage of H.B. 3016, HD2.

Authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) Officers to use electric or “taser” guns benefits the department, officers and the public.

Having the electric gun as an available tool and option will certainly enhance the DOCARE Officers’ ability to be more effective in the performance of their duties and responsibilities. In many cases, these law enforcement personnel are working alone in a remote, isolated area of the state. Confronted by a hostile, combative and possibly violent suspect or suspects, the use of a “taser” gun offers an option to restrain a potentially dangerous individual and reduce the chance of a physical incident where deadly force might otherwise be considered. It is our understanding that even the knowledge or presentation of the electric gun will increase the likelihood of compliance by a suspect. Without a doubt, this makes it safer for everyone involved.

DOCARE Officers perform such an important function keeping watch over Hawaii’s invaluable natural resources. The protection and preservation of these resources in our great state is truly a huge responsibility. Any program that can help make their working environment a safer one as they work to preserve our natural resources for generations to come is worthwhile.

We urge your support of H.B. 3016, HD2 and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora A. Nomura
Deputy Executive Director



Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 3016 HD 2 Relating to Law Enforcement
House Committee on Finance
Friday, February 22, 2008, 3:30PM, Room 308

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of Hawaii's native plants, animals, and ecosystems. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands for native species in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 32,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on O'ahu, Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii supports H.B. 3016 HD 2 Relating to Law Enforcement.

Many who care about the state's natural resources have long called for more enforcement of regulations to protect those resources. A 2006 State Auditor's report concludes that the state's environmental enforcement officers are spread too thin, inadequately trained, and lack the equipment they need to do their jobs. To address the auditor's concerns, the Legislature has supported a dramatic increase in the number of trained enforcement officers.

In addition to funding and manpower, DLNR conservation and resource enforcement officers need the proper equipment to allow them to be effective. Last year, the Legislature authorized DLNR conservation officers to use blue and red lights on their vehicles to serve several important purposes such as a deterrent to unlawful behavior, identification to those in need of assistance, and allowing enforcement officers to quickly and safely get through traffic in emergency situations.

With conservation officers often carrying out their duties in remote locations and during a variety of hours of the day and night, this bill would provide an appropriate pilot demonstration project for a protection device for the officers.

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To: **Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair**
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair
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From: Brooks Tamaye, CREO III, Maui Branch, DLNR-DOCARE
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RE: **Hearing on HB 3016---Relating to Law Enforcement**

Friday, February 22, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

Conference Room 308, State Capitol

Testimony in Support of HB 3016 HD2

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and members:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in favor of HB 3016 HD2.

I am a Maui Enforcement Officer with the DLNR, Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE).

DOCARE officers routinely work alone in rugged and remote areas where it may take more than an hour for a back up officer to arrive. During the course of patrols officers encounter persons conducting a variety of activities some of which are legal and others illegal. Many of these people have in their possession weapons or potential weapons (e.g. firearms, machetes, knives, needles, etc.). The temperament of subjects encountered can also vary greatly, from totally cooperative to combative and even suicidal.

Tasers will give officers another less than deadly force option to quickly, effectively and safely control a subject that is actively aggressive toward, or assaults an officer or another person. This will allow the officer to bring the situation under control with minimal injury to all persons involved.

The people and situations that DOCARE officers and all law enforcement encounter today have changed from earlier times. The potential and frequency of encounters with weapons being involved or confrontations ensuing, are increasing and can be attributed to a number of socioeconomic factors. To deal with a changing world we need to look at new techniques and technologies as they become available. Given the opportunity, Maui Branch officers are willing to evaluate this technology in a pilot program. I humbly ask for your support.

Sincerely,
Brooks Tamaye

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair
Committee on Finance

Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officer III-Randy DeCambra
State of Hawaii/Department of Land and Natural Resources-
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February 11, 2008

SUPPORT OF HB 3016 HD2 RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

I am and have been a Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officer III with the State of Hawaii/Department of Land and Natural Resources-Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement for approximately 10 years. I **strongly support HB 3016 HD2 RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

Under Hawaii Revised Statutes 199-4 (a), Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers (thereafter referred to as CREO) are law enforcement officers whom possess all the power and authority of a Police Officer in which we routinely conduct extensive investigations, effect arrests, and issue citations.

CREO's execute their law enforcement activities in a non-traditional law enforcement environment. CREO's often conduct investigations alone in remote areas that often result in the dealings and arrest of multiple armed suspect's. Due to the lack of manpower and the remote work areas that CREO's work in, CREO's usually don't have the luxury of expeditious back-up support enjoyed by other law enforcement agencies. Tasers would provide a very important level of safety for the officer and the public.

Tasers would also provide CREO's with another much needed level of force in assisting the CREO's execution of their duties. Currently, Hawaii County and Maui County Police Departments have reported great success in the use of Tasers, as its use/possession nationwide have resulted in the decrease of Worker's Compensation Claims, decrease in deadly use of force incidents, decrease in suspect/officer injuries, and the decrease of officer sick leave absences arisen from injuries sustained from subduing suspects.

Maui County Police officer's have conveyed to me there overwhelming satisfaction with Taser use. They reported that majority of the time; just the presentation of the Taser accomplishes and promotes suspect compliance in which the suspect is arrested without harm to the suspect and the officer.

I urge your committee to **pass/support HB 3016 HD2 RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT** and lets keep CREO's safe, so they can effectively perform their duties in the protection of our invaluable natural resources. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

To: **Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair**
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair & Members of the
Committee on Finance

From: Charles R. Lindsey
33 Manu Street
Kula, HI 96790

Re. **Hearing on HB 3016 HD1---Relating to Law Enforcement**

**Bill scheduled to be heard by FIN on Friday, 02-22-08 at 3:30 pm in House
conference room 308.**

Testimony in Support, with recommendation for amendment.

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and members:

Mahalo for hearing my testimony in support of HB3016—Relating to Law Enforcement. DOCARE officers already are entrusted with deadly weapons, tasers will make it safer for everyone. I strongly object to the requirement for accreditation, it is unfair as State Sheriffs are not accredited and neither are some County Police Departments. Accreditation is too difficult for DOCARE to achieve due to its limited resources.

This should not be about what an administration with no enforcement background thinks it wants, but about what our Officers need, after all, they are the ones with their lives on the line.

Please pass this bill, but remove the accreditation amendment.

Sincerely,
Charles R. Lindsey

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair and Members
Committee on Finance
State Capitol

February 20, 2008
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

Testimony in Support of HB 3016 HD2, with recommendation for amendment

Dear Chair Oshiro, and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: Hearing on HB 3016 HD2, Relating to Law Enforcement.

As a State Law Enforcement Officer, and Conservation and Resource Enforcement Officer III with the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement for approximately Ten Years. **I ask for your support of HB 3016 HD2 Related to Law Enforcement.**

Conservation and Resource Enforcement Officers continually come into contact with Misdemeanant and Felony offenders on almost a daily bases and on an ever increasing frequency. Our job requires Officers to patrol solo in areas frequented by these offenders, and commonly in mountainous terrain, isolated beaches, and sparsely populated areas. I myself as well as other Conservation Enforcement Officers have had to arrest, or detained offenders in areas where backup Officers take one to two hours to reach us. Even more concerning is the fact that we are almost routinely outnumbered by suspects.

As State Law Enforcement officers we are trained in intermediate uses of force, PPCT self-defense tactics, and verbal Judo. However when you are detaining multiple suspects in out of the way locations with no back up nearby, it's crucial that they are safely secured or believe that the officer has the means to keep them in custody.

Tasers would add another level of intermediate force to our levels of force continuum. Rather than contemplating the use of deadly force or having to actually resort to Deadly force, the Taser could be deployed.

I ask for your support, and urge your committee to **pass HB 3016 HD2 Relating to LAW Enforcement**, and make sure our State Law Enforcement Officers get home safely to their families.

Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officer III Kenneth Bode ✓
State of Hawaii/Department of Land and Natural Resources
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Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and Members,

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 3016, Related to Law Enforcement.

I am Erik T. Vuong, Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officer, with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) on Maui. I support **House Bill No. 3016, Related to Law Enforcement.**

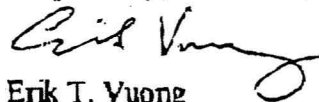
The purpose of this bill is to establish a two-year pilot project authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers to use Tasers while performing our duties within the Counties of Hawaii and Maui.

Law enforcement agencies throughout the nation have gone to the Taser as a less lethal option in their use of force continuum. Tasers use proprietary technology to incapacitate dangerous, combative, or high-risk subjects who pose a risk to law enforcement officers, innocent citizens, or themselves in a manner that is generally recognized as a safer alternative to other uses of force. Taser technology saves lives every day, and the use of Tasers dramatically reduces injury rates for police officers and suspects.

As a Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officer, I often work alone in remote areas of our county with no backup in the immediate areas. The Taser would increase our safety and enable us to control aggressive subject while minimizing injuries. I have been in law enforcement for approximately 11 years, and there were numerous situations where I have had to engage in hand-to-hand combat with suspects who were actively resisting arrest, which resulted in injuries to me, and the suspect. The Taser would have been an important option to minimize injuries to officers and suspects.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers on Maui urges you to support House Bill No. 3016, Relating to Law Enforcement. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,



Erik T. Vuong

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
 Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair and
 Members
 Committee on Finance
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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 3016 Related to Law Enforcement.

My name is Chad Kahoopii, I am an Enforcement Officer with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Maui Branch. I am in support of House Bill No. 3016, related to Law Enforcement.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize us as Conservation and Resource Enforcement Officer commissioned and appointed with full police powers, the use of tasers in the performance of or duties for the State of Hawaii and the County of Maui.

The taser has proven to be a useful tool, and is used by Law Enforcement Officer's throughout the nation. This energy conductive tool is considered a less lethal option and its effects are temporary unlike a firearms effect which is permanent. Nation wide statistics gathered by department's using the tasers has seen a dramatic drop in officer and suspect injuries, workmen comp claims, departmental liability, and above all the use of lethal force.

As an Enforcement Officer for the Department of Land and Natural Resources I work alone and quite often in remote locations where communications are non-existent. For us officer safety is paramount, having the tasers will allow us to achieve the ability to defuse most situations without resorting to physical contact. I have observed situations were all it took was the display of the taser resulting in de-escalation and suspect compliance. Tasers have also been successfully used in the prevention of suicide attempts.

For Law Enforcement Officer's it is not if an assault will happen, but rather when it will happen. We are faced with a dynamic ever changing world, having said that a tool has been created for us to better protect and serve our communities. I humbly ask for your support in House Bill No.3016 that relates to Law Enforcement.



Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair and
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Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Feb. 22, 2008
Hearing Time: 3:30pm
Conference Room: 308

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and members,

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 3016, Related to Law Enforcement

Our officers patrol alone in remote areas of Maui. The Taser Conductive Weapon will increase safety for our officers, and allow them to control an aggressive subject while minimizing injuries.

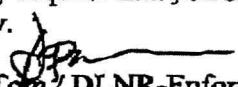
Within the last four years since the Maui Police Department initiated the Taser Program, they have experienced a decrease in injuries to their officers, and subjects who are arrested.

Chief Tom Phillips of Maui Police Department supports our Maui and Hawaii Division, to establish a two year pilot program that allows us to use the taser while performing our duties.

The use of the Taser, affords our officers an alternative to use non-lethal force, versus deadly force.

One of our officers responded to a State Harbor Facility along with a MPD Officer on an alleged harassment complaint. During their investigation, it revealed that the 6'4" male, weighing approximately 300 lbs., had an outstanding warrant. As the male was advised he was going to be placed under arrest, his eyes stared wide open at the officers, as he clenched his two fists. The MPD Officer who stood at 5'6", unsnapped the holster on his taser. The large male subject looked at the officer's taser and immediately responded, "Can I get my t-shirt before we go to the Police Station?" Without the taser, the male's aggressive behavior would have increased, and officers would have to engage in a physical confrontation, which would have resulted in injuries to all parties involved.

I humbly request that you support this bill, and would like to thank you for allowing me to testify.


Dexter Tom / DLNR-Enforcement Supervisor

FINtestimony

From: MMMMahalo2000@aol.com
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HB 3016 HD 2, Finance Committee

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance
Mike Moran, Kihei, Maui
Friday 2/22/08 3:30 PM conference room 308

Support of HB 3016 HD 2, Relating to Law Enforcement

Please pass this bill to assist our outmanned DOCARE officers, who are daily asked to do police work, but are sent out unarmed. Providing these valiant officers with an electric gun (taser) is a least a step in he right direction. On Maui , they are asked to protect our natural environment on all four Islands seven days a week with less than twenty officers, already a near impossible task. Please allow them these weapons for protection. Pass this needed bill. Mahalo.

Mike Moran

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February 20, 2008

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chairman
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair and Members of the
Committee on Finance
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

February 22, 2008 at 3:30 pm.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

Testimony in Support of HB 3016 HD2, with recommendation for amendment

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: Hearing on HB 3016 HD2, Relating to Law Enforcement.

Thank you for hearing my testimony in support HB 3016 HD2. As a 24 year Law Enforcement officer and currently a Field Supervisor with DLNR-DOCARE on Maui, the passing of this bill makes sense. With the escalating violence in today's world and the everyday dangers we have to face, we want to have an alternative to avoid having to use Deadly Force.

I humbly request that you remove the accreditation amendment from this bill as it is unfair that the State Sheriff's and some of the County Police departments are not accredited. Accreditation is much too difficult for DOCARE to achieve due to our limited resources.

We are all commissioned officers that carry firearms and the ones who daily lay our lives on the line for the protection of the natural resources of Hawaii.

Please provide us with the proper tools to make our job not only safer for the officer but also for the persons that we may have to take enforcement action against in a violent situation. Please remove the accreditation amendment and pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Clarence M Yamamoto
Field Supervisor-West District
State of Hawaii – DLNR DOCARE
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To: **Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair**
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair & Members of the
Committee on Finance

From: **Darrell Tanaka,**
Haiku, Maui, Hi, 96708

Re. **Hearing on HB 3016 HD2---Relating to Law Enforcement**

**Bill scheduled to be heard by FIN on Friday, 02-22-08 at 3:30 pm in House
conference room 308.**

Testimony in Opposition, with recommendation for amendment.

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and members:

Thank you for hearing my testimony in opposition of HB3016 HD2—Relating to Law Enforcement. DOCARE officers already are entrusted with deadly weapons, tasers will make it safer for everyone. I am in favor of those officers being able to use tasers. I strongly object to the requirement for accreditation, it is unfair as State Sheriffs are not accredited and neither are some County Police Departments. Accreditation is too difficult for DOCARE to achieve due to its limited resources.

This should not be about what an administration with no enforcement background thinks it wants, but about what our Officers need, after all, they are the ones with their lives on the line.

Please pass this bill, but remove the accreditation amendment.

Sincerely,
Darrell Tanaka

To: **Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair**
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair & Members of the
Committee on Finance

From: **BRIAN M. YOSHIKAWA**
WAILUKU, MAUI HAWAII

Re. **Hearing on HB 3016 HD1---Relating to Law Enforcement**

Bill scheduled to be heard by FIN on Friday, 02-22-08 at 3:30 pm in House
conference room 308.

Testimony in Support, with recommendation for amendment.

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and members:

Thank you for hearing my testimony in support of HB3016—Relating to Law Enforcement. DOCARE officers already are trained and authorized to carry firearms, and short of using them they will be putting the public and themselves at risk of bodily harm if the option of using the non-lethal Tasers is not available to them.

AS stated in my previous testimony of support, our DOCARE officers in the field are often working with limited back-up and in geographic obscurity, and the option of having the TASER to apprehend belligerent suspects would make their jobs safer for both the public and our DOCARE officers.

Please pass this bill without delay before somebody gets killed in the field.

respectfully submitted,

BRIAN M. YOSHIKAWA
WAILUKU, MAUI HAWAII

February 21, 2008

The Honorable Marcus Ohiro, Chair
And Members
Committee on House Finance
House of Representatives

SUBJECT: House Bill # 3016, Related to law Enforcement

Aloha Mr. Marcus Oshiro and Members:

My name is Randy Awo. I am the Branch Chief for the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement for Maui Nui. We are the Enforcement Division for the Department of Land and Natural Resources are granted full police powers as provided via the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 199-4.

I support House Bill 3016, which authorizes DOCARE Officers to use tasers while performing duties in their official capacity. According to the Maui Police Department the cost for tasers is approximately \$1000.00 per unit. The cost of purchasing this tool is nominal when compared to the much higher costs associated with serious bodily injury and/or death to the public and our Officers as a result of using firearms.

Throughout the nation, law enforcement agencies have transitioned to the "Taser Conductive Energy Weapon" recognizing its value as a less than deadly force option when dealing with volatile situations. National studies show that this tool has reduced injuries to Officers as well as the public. This in turn has led to a reduction in Departmental liability. The Maui Police Department began its pilot program in October of 2004. Since its inception, the M.P.D. has observed "a consistent drop in injuries to their Officers as well as suspects".

Our Officers are often required to work in remote areas under challenging conditions. The use of force options available to DOCARE Officers are their hands, pepper spray, the baton and the firearm. The taser is classified at the same level of force as pepper spray. However it has proven to be safer and more effective at controlling aggressive subjects than pepper spray, the baton and in many instances the firearm.

Therefore, I strongly urge this committee to pass HB 3016 as it will increase our Officers ability to safely neutralize combative situations without having to use force options that could incur further injuries and/or death. In addition, the Maui Police Department not only supports this Bill, they have also offered to provide training as well.

Mahalo for allowing me the opportunity to testify in favor of HB 3016.

FINtestimony

From: Richard Fairclo [rfair7@earthlink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 9:51 AM

To: FINtestimony

To: **Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair**
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair & Members of the Committee on Finance

From: **Richard Fairclo, 33 Lokelau PL, Haiku, Maui, Hi, 96708**

Re: **Hearing on HB 3016 HD1---Relating to Law Enforcement**

Bill scheduled to be heard by FIN on Friday, 02-22-08 at 3:30 pm in House conference room 308.

Testimony in Support.

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and members:

I support the enforcement officers and that they carry tasers. Enforcement is woefully inadequate and inadequately funded. Please give the officers more tools.

Many of people abusing the marine resources attempt to intimidate the enforcement officers, as they have attempted to intimidate others who are interested in reasonable regulations against abusing the fish, reefs, etc.

Sincerely,
Richard Fairclo

FINtestimony

From: Jason Redulla [jkredulla@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 9:13 PM
To: FINtestimony
Subject: Testimony in support of House Bill 3016
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Dear Chairman Oshiro and Committee members,

My name is Jason Redulla, and I write this email to you to express my support of House Bill 3016, which would authorize the use of a taser for Officers of the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement.

It is essential that DOCARE officers possess all of the tools necessary to enforce the law, and protect both the public and our precious natural resources. The Taser provides a less-lethal capability, that will assist in protecting lives, and provide the officer with another alternative than using deadly force.

Therefore, I urge both you and your fellow committee members to support this bill.

Thank you for your time in considering this testimony.

Aloha,
Jason Redulla

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