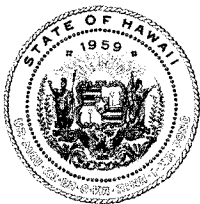
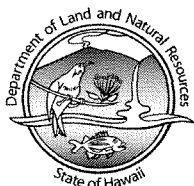


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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES**

**Friday, March 13, 2009
10:00 A.M.**

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 103 – HOUSE RESOLUTION 83
REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES
ENFORCEMENT TO APPLY FOR ACCREDITATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON
ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, INC.**

House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 103 and House Resolution (HR) 83 requests the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to apply for accreditation with the commission on accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, INC. The Department appreciates the timeliness of HCR 103 and HR 83 and will be seeking accreditation as described in the resolutions. As such, the Department supports these resolutions.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) is an internationally recognized professional law enforcement accrediting agency. CALEA standards and required compliance will ensure that DOCARE will be guided by the most up-to-date, tried and proven law enforcement standards in the Nation.

The Department does request that these resolutions be modified to support DOCARE accreditation or recognition. According to the Department's preliminary conversations with CALEA, a resource enforcement agency the size of DOCARE may be more suited for recognition than accreditation. Accreditation includes policies for activities DOCARE does not engage in, such as holding cells for detainees. The Department would prefer to be flexible at this stage and work with CALEA to determine whether DOCARE should seek accreditation or recognition, and be guided by that national organization to select the best process for DOCARE.

For this Committee's consideration, the Department has attached letters from the Hamilton County Park District Safety Division in Cincinnati, Ohio and Mr. Richard Haake, (Ret.) Deputy Chief of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Winfield, Illinois, endorsing CALEA as an effective tool toward better law enforcement.

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