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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Audit of the Department of Public Safety, Sheriff Division*.

This management audit of the Department of Public Safety, Sheriff Division, was requested by the 2009 Legislature because of concerns that the law enforcement responsibilities of the Sheriff Division were not being adequately fulfilled. We found that inefficiencies in the service of warrants were an indication of bigger problems within the division as a whole. Moreover, unclear law enforcement responsibilities and an expansive mission have resulted in organizational confusion and dysfunction. Coupled with poor leadership and guidance, the cumulative result is a division that may be a risk to itself as well as the public under its protection.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. We will place the report on our website, www.state.hi.us/auditor, and release it to the public and press, on Thursday, June 17, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marion M. Higa".

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State Auditor

Enclosure

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c: Carol Taniguchi, Senate Clerk .10 10 10 10