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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

DOCARE has an extremely different mission than the Sheriffs. Putting them under that jurisdiction is simply a thinly disguised move to strip their environmental protection role from them.

DOCARE is currently one of the most well run and responsive departments of the State.

Please do not mess with one of the few public agencies which is doing a terrific job.

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Comments:

Maui Sierra Club strongly opposes putting DOCARE under Public Safety as it will dilute their primary role as protectors of the environment.

The qualifications and attitudes of a DOCARE officer are very different from that of a Sheriff. Putting them under the same administration will affect both the caliber of people applying to DOCARE positions and the priorities and attitudes of the officers.

The Maui Sierra Club is concerned that this move would signal a weakening of environmental protection. Any savings in costs would be paid for in environmental degradation -- which would ultimately effect visitor experience and revenues -- thus negating the initial small administrative savings.