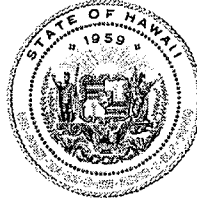
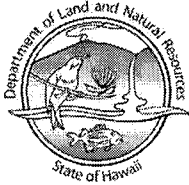


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**Testimony of  
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Chairperson**

**Before the Senate committee on  
JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010  
10:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 950, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS**

Senate Bill 950, Senate Draft 1 authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) to possess and use electric guns, provided DOCARE has received accreditation or recognition from a nationally recognized law enforcement accreditation or credentialing program. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this Administration measure except for its effective date of July 1, 2050. The Department respectfully asks that this bill be further amended to restore the effective date back to "upon approval".

Electric guns have proven to be a useful tool for law enforcement throughout the United States and County Police have successfully deployed and used electric guns in Hawaii for some time and continue to this day. Electric guns provide a viable alternative to the need for a law enforcement officer to escalate to the use of deadly force when dealing with a non-compliant combative suspect. Any officers working in remote isolated areas will be able to apprehend and secure potentially dangerous individuals without injury to themselves or to the difficult to handle individual. Like members of other law enforcement agencies DOCARE officers have been forced to confront unruly individuals who were under the influence of alcohol and illegal drugs, often without any backup. This necessary law enforcement tool helps to reduce risk and injury to the DOCARE officers, innocent bystanders and suspects and is certain to act as a deterrent. The Department also acknowledges the need to provide adequate training for its officers and establish protocols that will govern the use of electric guns and management of this equipment before moving forward with this initiative.

The Department supports the usage of electric guns by its DOCARE officers while performing their duties within the State; and recommends passage of this bill as amended restoring the effective date back to "upon approval".

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