



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1012, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

DATE: Monday, January 31, 2011 **TIME:** 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 312

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Stephen R. Kornegay, Special Agent, Investigations
Division

Chair Awana and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill.

This bill will provide funding for state law enforcement efforts to ensure the safety and security of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders Meeting.

The Department of the Attorney General, as the designated lead state law enforcement agency, will utilize this funding to ensure that the Department, as well as the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement, and the Department of Transportation Harbor Police, have the resources needed to plan, equip, train, and staff as required to provide security for APEC.

Providing security for this event is a daunting task that will require the combined resources of all federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies in our State.

Other jurisdictions that have hosted APEC and similar types of international conferences have used up to 20,000 plus officers for security, and incurred costs of over \$100 million.

Past events of this magnitude have attracted protestors that can number in the tens of thousands. Most protestors are content to exercise their right of free speech and free assembly within the law. Others, however, protest violently, damage property, attack law enforcement, and attempt to disrupt or shut down the event. Modern protest organizations are often well funded, and traveling to Hawaii to protest APEC is well within the realm of possibility.

The presence of 21 world leaders in Hawaii, as well as the overall global significance of APEC, presents an attractive target for terrorists and violent anti-social individuals. Significant law enforcement resources will be required to effectively mitigate this threat.

There is also a reasonable expectation that crimes targeting tourists may increase during APEC. Minimizing this possibility will also require law enforcement resources.

The Honolulu Police Department has asked the State of Hawaii to provide the fullest assistance possible with APEC-related security, including:

- Securing of ports, airports, and waterways;
- Assisting in the securing of venue sites;
- Providing for the transport, processing, and detention of any mass arrests; and
- Providing additional officers for crowd management.

The security planning for APEC is in progress and evolving. As such, additional requirements may be placed on state law enforcement in the future. The current estimates are based on available information and anticipated needs.

We currently estimate that a minimum of \$2,280,000 will be required for state law enforcement APEC-related expenses. This includes:

- Personnel Costs (Overtime): \$1,270,000.00
(208 officers @ 9 days plus training);
- Equipment Costs: \$ 710,000.00
(civil disturbance gear, facial recognition computers and software, etc.)
- Current Expense/Misc.: \$ 300,000.00
(Meals, fuel, etc.)

In recognition of the current financial situation, all effort has been made to identify the minimal level of funding required to safely and adequately prepare for our role in APEC.

We respectfully request that the Committee approve and pass this bill.