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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 491  
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

By  
Jodie F. Maesaka-Hirata, Interim Director  
Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Finance  
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 24, 2011; 10:45 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the intent of House Bill 491. This bill requires PSD to pursue and obtain accreditation for the Sheriff Division from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). We agree that the goal of obtaining accreditation will, as the State Auditor recommended, help ensure that proper law enforcement standards are met.

PSD would like to propose an amendment to House Bill 491, on page 3, line 7 "the department shall pursue ~~(and obtain)~~ accreditation for the Sheriff." PSD feels that the use of the phrase "shall pursue and obtain accreditation" may

cause PSD to be in violation of this statute if the Sheriff Division does not obtain accreditation by December 1, 2014.

PSD has researched the cost of the 32-month accreditation process from the CALEA as being \$15,075.00, plus a \$4,850.00 annual continuation fee (or \$14,550.00 for three years). This is the cost if the Sheriff Division is successful in completing the accreditation process in 32 months, if not there is a 35% annual extension charge till accreditation is reached. Both the Honolulu Police Department and the Maui Police Department has informed PSD that it took their departments 2-3 years of preparation time to just prepare for the accreditation process. It took the Maui Police Department six years to obtain accreditation once they started the process. The Honolulu Police Department obtained accreditation in three years; however, they detached 6 officers to only work on the accreditation process during this time. PSD supports the accreditation of our Sheriff Division and asks that the Legislature consider the amendments proposed by PSD.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

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STATE OF HAWAII  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
SHERIFF DIVISION/MAUI SECTION  
Maui, Lanai & Molokai

February 23, 2011

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol, Suite 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Testimony on House Bill 491 and House Bill 492 Relating to Public Safety

Dear Senate President Tsutsui,

I wanted to keep you apprised of HB491 and HB492. I have given my support for both proposed acts. I do have some questions relative to HB492. I will restate what I have previously testified to Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee.

HB492. It is the spirit of the proposed act for the Sheriff Division to develop and implement a strategic plan to protect the public and security by correcting those deficiencies found in Auditor Report No. 10-06 which I support. But will it also be a requirement to separately and in conjunction with, address those areas of "concerns raised" by auditor Ms. Marion Higa? The Sheriff Division is currently in the process of addressing some of the deficiencies noted in the audit report.

Thank you for your support of the Sheriff Division-Maui Section. I wish you long life, prosperity and good fortune in all your endeavors.

Mahalo.

Respectfully yours,

Patrick H. Sniffen, Lieutenant, Commander  
Sheriff Division/Maui Section

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 491  
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

House Committee on Finance  
Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Thursday, February 24, 2011; 10:45 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Representative Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

I support the intent of HB 491. This bill requires the Department to pursue and obtain accreditation for the sheriff division from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), Inc. Obtaining accreditation will, as the State Auditor recommended, help ensure that proper law enforcement standards are met.

Meeting CALEA accreditation involves not only the Sheriff Division, but also many other functions within the Department. Fiscal, Personnel Recruitment, and Training that must also meet CALEA standards to obtain accreditation. Under the current organizational structure of the Department of Public Safety, I do not believe that accreditation can be obtained for just the Sheriff Division. It would also include the Department of Public Safety's Administrative divisions.

I recommend that this measure be deferred and the goal of CALEA accreditation be pursued as part of SB 11, which would separate the Sheriff Division from the Department of Public Safety and create a new Department of the Sheriff.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Robin Nagamine, Lieutenant  
Sheriff Division

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Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/22/2011

### Comments:

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and members of the committee. I am Lt Michael Oakland of the State Sheriff Division and I am in SUPPORT of this bill and it's intent. I think that the legislature can require the Sheriff Division to be CALEA compliant in all of our policies so that we are current with as much of the CALEA standards as possible, and to start to operate under those policies until such time as there is enough money to actually become certified, as it will take money at and during CALEA certification. This will help until such time as we can split from DPS because as the department is currently set up we will never be able to become CALEA certified until we can bring training, budgeting etc under law enforcement control. If there are any questions please do not hesitate to let me know and I will assist in any way.

Mahalo Nui Loa to be able to testify.

Lt. Michael Oakland, Commander  
Airport Patrol Section, Sheriff Division Honolulu International Airport, Kalealoa and  
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Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/22/2011

### Comments:

As a deputy sheriff I am in full support of this bill. The department of public safety has not provided adequate training to deputy sheriffs. I have been a deputy sheriff for 9 nine years and I have been provided a total of 4 recall training sessions in that time. You constantly hear that law enforcement is a perishable skill and I believe this to be true. I also believe that by providing regular training to the deputies it will not only provide us with the knowledge we need to perform our duties effectively but more importantly it would instill a confidence in our ability to handle the various aspects of law enforcement we encounter on a daily basis. One solution to address our training needs would be to transfer the responsibility of training deputy sheriffs from TSD to the Sheriff Division. I love this department and I enjoy working with my fellow deputies and I truly believe that with better training we can erase many of the negative perceptions the public may have and take a huge step forward in providing professional service to the public.



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Comments:

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Conference room: 308  
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E-mail: [thomas.cayetano@leo.gov](mailto:thomas.cayetano@leo.gov)  
Submitted on: 2/22/2011

**Comments:**

Rep Oshiro and fellow committee members,I am a state deputy with twenty-five plus years of service. I strongly feel that this bill would help ensure the professionalism and training the residents of Hawaii require from their state civil servants. Please support the passing of this bill. Thank ing you in advance.

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**From:** Alan.Y.Leung@hawaii.gov  
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**Subject:** HB 491 AND 492

Aloha Chair Mr. Oshiro and Vice Chair Ms. Lee,

My name is Alan Leung and I am in support on the measure of HB 491 and HB 492.

Sergeant Alan Leung  
Homeland Security Liaison  
Special Duty Coordinator  
State of Hawaii  
Department of Public Safety  
Sheriff Division  
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Submitted on: 2/23/2011

Comments:  
Aloha Chair Marcus OSHIRO and Vice Chair Marilyn LEE,

I am Deputy Michael DECENZO and I fully support this bill, and humbly ask that this committee support it as well.

Thank you,

Michael D.

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**From:** Sean Springer [kanealii808@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011 9:52 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Chair Marcus Oshiro and Vice Chair Marilyn Lee

As a Deputy Sheriff, I am in support of House Bills 491/492:

HB RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY. PBM,  
491 Requires and sets a deadline for the department of public safety to pursue and obtain accreditation for the sheriff FIN  
Status division from the Commission on Accreditation for law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

HB RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.  
492 Addresses the operational deficiencies of the sheriff division of the department of public safety that were highlighted  
Status in the auditor's audit of the division. Makes appropriation.

As seen in the State Audit, these bills are required to address the found discrepancies and lead the Sheriff Division in to the Twenty First (21) Century. Furthermore, it helps to protect the State of Hawaii from future litigation/liability. By following the Commission on Accreditation for law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. standards the Sheriff Division would be inline with the best practices used in contemporary law enforcement agencies.

V/R

Sean Springer

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**From:** Ray [TheSchwa0001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011 10:33 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** In SUPPORT OF HB 491 and 491.

I Deputy Sheriff Raymond A. SCHWARTZ am submitting testimony in favor of House Bill 491 and 492.  
I believe that these Bills will help further the Sheriffs in many ways that are outlined in the bills.  
Thank you.

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**Comments:**

To Chair Marcus Oshiro and Vice Chair Marilyn Lee. I am a Sergeant with the Sheriff's Division and ask for your support on House Bill 491.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2011

**Comments:**

i am a deputy sheriff, and i am in full support of this bill. this is a way for our department to get the best training possible, and be recognized as a true law enforcement entity. i believe the organizational structure that CALEA will bring to the sheriffs will better us as a whole, and not keep us down, and not moving forward as the dept. of public safety has been. i am hoping that this will help in the separation of the sheriffs from corrections. i hope you will pass this bill. aloha.



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**Comments:**

I am a Deputy Sheriff and i support this bill because it would help us in being more recognized as a Law Enforcement agency with great Training for all State LEO's

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**Comments:**

I am in support of HB491, which requires the Department of Public Safety to seek law enforcement accreditation for the Sheriff Division because it will standardize our training to the same level as those upheld by HPD and MPD, which is the model we want to follow. Currently, our training is run by the Training and Staff Development within the Department, which is and has always been geared towards the Corrections Division. This bill would remedy a very important matter, training, which has been problematic for as long as I have been with the Department.

The Sheriff Division as it stands, with all its inherent deficiencies, does so much good with so much less. Therefore, imagine what more we could do given the accreditation, which would hold the Department accountable for the proper, standardized training of Deputy Sheriff recruits, and in-service training of current Deputies.

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**Comments:**

Aloha Committee members, I humbly ask that you support this measure and thank you for your time.

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Comments:  
I write in support of HB 491.