

HB 491, hd1

Measure Title:

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Report Title:

Requires the department of public safety to pursue and obtain accreditation for the sheriff division from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB491 HD1)

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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 491 HD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

by

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 17, 2011, 2:55 PM
State Capitol, Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the intent of House Bill 491 HD1. This bill requires PSD to pursue and obtain accreditation for the Sheriff Division from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), Inc. PSD agrees that the goal of obtaining accreditation will, as the State Auditor recommended, help ensure that proper law enforcement standards are met.

PSD supports the accreditation of our Sheriffs that will only better the Division in becoming the professional organization it should be.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Senate on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Senator Wil Espero, Chair

Thursday, March 17, 2011; 2:55 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Senator Espero and Members of the Committee:

I support the intent of HB 491, HD1. 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.

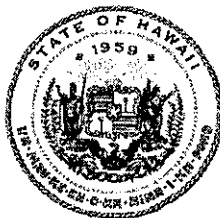
Meeting CALEA accreditation involves not only the Sheriff Division, but also many other functions within the Department. Fiscal, Personnel Recruitment, and Training that must also meet CALEA standards to obtain accreditation. Under the current organizational structure of the Department of Public Safety, 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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LATE TESTIMONY

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

March 17, 2011

Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

RE: H.B. No. 491 HD1

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

Aloha and greetings, my name is Lieutenant Patrick H. Sniffen, Commander of the Maui Section (Maui, Lanai, & Molokai), Sheriff Division. I support and endorse H.B. No. 491 HD1 to obtain accreditation.

The high rigorous standards to achieve accreditation will increase and promote public and government confidence, establish credibility from an internationally recognized credentialing authority, and achieve higher levels of standards of excellence. Obtaining accreditation will also address deficiencies identified in the recent audit by Auditor Ms. Marion Higa.

The Sheriff Division/Maui Section eagerly looks forward to meeting the challenges this endeavor presents and we are ready for the tasks that lie ahead.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony supporting HB491.

Sincerely Yours,

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

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rocky Ayala
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Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

I have been a Deputy Sheriff for the past 19 years and am in support of this bill.

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James E. Barnes III
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Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

I am a Deputy Sheriff. I have have been with the Department for 10 years. I am in support of this bill.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 10:10 PM
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Submitted on: 3/15/2011

Comments:

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee. I am Lt Michael Oakland of the State Sheriff Division and I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of this bill. I think that the legislature can require the Sheriff Division bring all of our policies into compliance with CALEA standards so that when the states budget issues get better we can actually move forward with the certification. I also feel that in order to actually become CALEA certified we will need to break away from DPS as we (Sheriff's Division) do not have control of the budget and training to name a few which needs to be the case to actually move forward.

Mahalo Nui Loa for hearing this bill and if there are any questions please let me know and I will assist in any way needed.

Aloha,

Lt. Michael Oakland, Commander
Airport Patrol Section, Sheriff Division Honolulu International Airport, Kalaeloa and Dillingham Air Fields

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments: