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

By

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

House on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 17, 2011; 9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Cullen, 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. We agree that the goal of obtaining accreditation will, as the State Auditor recommended, help ensure that proper law enforcement standards are met.

Due to the cost implications of the accreditation process as well as the cost associated with implementing changes that will be required to meet those standards, PSD requests that this measure be held, and the accreditation be pursued at a later time.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

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House Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Representative Henry Aquino, Chair

Thursday, February 17, 2011; 9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Representative Aquino 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.

As my testimony maybe contrary to the Department of Public Safety's position, I am presenting my testimony as a private individual and not as an official representative of the department. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Robin Nagamine, Lieutenant  
Sheriff Division

## **PBMtestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** leuna874@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB491 on 2/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Alan Leung  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/16/2011

Comments:  
I am a deputy Sheriff and I'm fully support this bill.

## PBMtestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011 11:36 AM  
**To:** PBMtestimony  
**Cc:** michael.v.decenzo@hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michael DeCenzo  
Organization: Individual  
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E-mail: [michael.v.decenzo@hawaii.gov](mailto:michael.v.decenzo@hawaii.gov)  
Submitted on: 2/16/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha, I am Deputy Sheriff Michael DeCenzo, and I strongly support this bill, and I am asking that you support it as well.

## **PBMtestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jeffrey Piimauna  
Organization: Sheriff's / Public Safety  
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E-mail: [jpiimauna@yahoo.com](mailto:jpiimauna@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/16/2011

**Comments:**

I am a Sergeant with the Sheriff's and strongly support House Bill 491.

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011 3:19 PM  
**To:** PBMtestimony  
**Cc:** huynhstephen1@hotmail.com  
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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stephen Huynh  
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E-mail: [huynhstephen1@hotmail.com](mailto:huynhstephen1@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/16/2011

Comments:

I am a Deputy Sheriff and if we have Accreditation from our training, that could open up a lot of opportunities for us in Law Enforcement.

## **PBMtestimony**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Thomas K Cayetano  
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Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [thomas.cayetano@leo.gov](mailto:thomas.cayetano@leo.gov)  
Submitted on: 2/16/2011

**Comments:**

The CALEA accreditation is a very important step towards meeting the standards set forth for all law-enforcement organizations. I fully support this bill and its intentions.

## **PBMtestimony**

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/16/2011

Comments:



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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Christopher Lee  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone:  
E-mail: [chl86@yahoo.com](mailto:chl86@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/16/2011

Comments:  
I strongly support HB491. There needs to be a separation of the Sheriff Dept. from Corrections.

## PBMtestimony

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Robert Umiamaka  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [keanapuni1@yahoo.com](mailto:keanapuni1@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/16/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ernie Oki  
Organization: Individual  
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E-mail: [deptwo@hotmail.com](mailto:deptwo@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/16/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 309  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/16/2011

**Comments:**

My testimony is in support of HB 491. I have been a State Law Enforcement Officer for 30 years, the last 17 years as a Sheriff Deputy with the Department of Public Safety. As a deputy, I have diligently served and protected the public, government and judicial officials, state personnel and property, including but not limited to, various state and judicial facilities. My duties and responsibilities encompass every facet of law enforcement, much the same as that of our county and federal counterparts. State Sheriffs have long been deprived any positive recognition or equality as a law enforcement entity, obviously nonexistent during my years of service. The recent management audit of the Sheriff Division and the recommendation for accreditation will support and ensure proper training and resources for all Sheriff personnel are met.