

# LATE TESTIMONY



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The Twenty-Sixth Legislature, State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association  
February 17, 2011

### H. B. 492 – RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 492, which corrects some of the operational deficiencies identified by the Auditor in Report 10-06, Audit of the Department of Public Safety, Sheriff Division, issued in June 2010. The auditor found that the Sheriff Division has been assigned a range of duties, but because of “ineffective leadership” at the departmental level, the state law enforcement agency “lacks guidance and direction.”

We agree with the Auditor that since the Sheriff Division was transferred to the Department of Public Safety in 1989, it has had an ill-defined role and a lack of clarity about its mission. As a result, the Sheriff Division has struggled to uphold its expanded law enforcement duties and responsibilities. H.B. 492 specifies corrective action to improve deficiencies highlighted in the audit through a report to the 2012 Legislature on such issues as:

1. Improving the division’s radio system to provide adequate and reliable communications for on-duty officers in line with the applicable law enforcement standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. This is safety issue for our members.
2. Relocating the receiving desk from Halawa Correctional Facility to address the problem of processing a defendant in one location and retrieving warrants from a distant location, and to facilitate the process that applies to persons who voluntarily turn themselves in.
3. Addressing departmental leadership concerns by developing and implementing internal controls to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Sheriff Division operations that meet its division’s goals and objectives.



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4. Requiring the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety to remedy problems in the Auditor's Report related to airport security.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 492.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N.A. Nomura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nora A. Nomura  
Deputy Executive Director

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## PBMtestimony

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Submitted on: 2/16/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Cullen, 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 feel that it will take money to realize the issues that this bill and the State Auditor has pointed out, and due to the states fiscal issues I feel that we could require the department to report back to the legislature with all the costs associated with all of the needs being met for future budgets.

I am available for questions and I would like to thank you all for hearing this bill.

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

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Submitted on: 2/17/2011

Comments:

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## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF: HB 492

Aloha, Chair Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, and members of the committee.

I am a Deputy employed by the State Sheriff's Division and I would like to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 492 addresses the operational deficiencies of the sheriff division of the department of public safety that were highlighted in the auditor's audit of the division. Makes appropriation.

The state auditor was tasked to complete this report and investigate the deficiencies within our Division. She completed her report and submitted it on time. Why would anyone spend our tax dollars on a report that finds glaring deficiencies and then chooses not to correct the problems? I would analogize this by taking your car to a reputable mechanic, paying up front to have him diagnose all the problems and potential problems then driving away WITHOUT addressing any of his findings.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2011

**Comments:**

This bill needs to be made into law. This is a terrible way to run a law enforcement agency. As a person that knows (20 years)of history of the Sheriff's the audit was only half of the whole story. The Sheriff's want to be better, but so many entities have let them down.

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Comments:  
I ask that you support this measure and thank you for your time.



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Submitted on: 2/17/2011

### Comments:

Aloha, Representaives, as a SD Sergeant for 30 years, currently at the HIA since 1999, a widower, father of (3), grandfather of (3), I strongly support HB 492. In 1987 I testified in Sen Mike Croziers comittee which created Act 211 as a Housekeeping Measure that transfered the SD (HGEA) from the Judiciary to the new PSD (Public Safety Dept.) in 7/90, Corrections (UPW) then under DSSH was absorbed in the PSD 7/89, & already formed the principal infrastructure to control the Law Enforcement Branch's budget, Asset Forfeiture Funds, Career Climb for ACO's to internally transfer over to Sheriff's w/lack of training, moreover to aquire and attempt to assume our role, title, duties and arrest police powers and remove our title(s)&quot;Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff,&quot; from the statutes and rename us &quot;Special Services Deputies.&quot;As other recognized LE units, Marshals, Police, Sheriff's are separate/distinct have clear and precise duties that require proper collective bargaining, representation, accreditation in training due to arrest authority, report writing, firearms carry, search & seizure, liability, testimony in court, P&P's etc. In concert w/2010 audit is the measure & support of this HB 492 & the separation of Corrections ACO's from LE Deputy Sheriff's, mahalo.

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