

SB 1065

RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Creates bargaining unit 14 to represent state law enforcement officers. Clarifies that no election shall be directed by the Hawaii labor relations board in any newly created bargaining unit of employees who are currently covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1065
RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

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

Tuesday, February 15, 2011; 2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Senator Espero and Members of the Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to request for your strong support of SB 1065, which would create a bargaining unit 14 to represent state law enforcement officers.

State law enforcement employees are currently represented by unit 3 and 4, which is designated for non-supervisory white collar and supervisory white collar positions. This new bargaining unit 14 will provide for the proper collective bargaining representation exclusively for state law enforcement officer, that have specific needs and issues unique to their working conditions. These specific needs and issues are not shared by other members in unit 3 and unit 4.

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

Lieutenant Robin Nagamine
Sheriff Division

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 7:32 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: cwatarida@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Chad Watarida
Organization: Sheriff Division
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: cwatarida@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/13/2011

Comments:

I support SB1065 which would make state law enforcement offices move to BU14. This move would help voice our concerns better.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 12:47 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: jpiimauna@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeffrey Piimauna
Organization: Sheriff / Public Safety
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jpiimauna@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

Senator Espero and Members of the Committee:

I am in strong support of Senate Bill 1065 creating a bargaining unit 14 to represent State Law Enforcement.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:34 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: Colin.K.Malani@Hawaii.Gov
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

Testimony for PGM 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM SB1065

Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sgt. Colin Kalama-Malani
Organization: Individual
-Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Colin.K.Malani@Hawaii.Gov
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

Aloha, I'm a Sergeant/Deputy Sheriff III, for 30 years, currently at the HIA since 1999, a widower, a father of (3), grandfather of (3), I testified in 1987 before Senator Mike Croziers hearing for Act 211, then a Housekeeping measure to include the Sheriff's in the newly proposed Dept. of Public Safety, we were absorbed in July of 1990, the Corrections half of PSD had already formulated the initial infrastructure to control our budget and asset forfeiture monies, to attempt to attain our police powers and relinquish our name & title(s) of "Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff" were in jeopardy before Senator's & Reps of being lost forever, I testified again on the Historical aspects, merits and retention of our positions to not become "Special Services Deputies." As other LE Positions Nationwide, Marshals, Police, Sheriff's, have clear and distinct duties which require proper collective bargaining representation. To include all state LE units ie; AG's, DLNR, Harbors, NED, Sheriff's, etc., is essential for consolidation of jurisdictional powers, defined authority & budget, training & accreditation, sustained mission with short & long term goals & objectives in concert with the 2009-2010 PSD Audit. We are again at a critical juncture in our quest for survival and recognition in accordance with our profession, job and classification. Our current need for redress & grievances begs your support of this legislative Senate Bill #1065, mahalo

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 4:22 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: mrcrchartman@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Charles Hartman
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mrcrchartman@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

State Deputies now perform full police duties, and must have an appropriate bargaining unit for their task-specific needs.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 4:12 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: james.r.nakamura@hawaii.gov
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James Nakamura
Organization: Individual
Address: 438 Kamakee st #140 Honolulu, HI
Phone: 808-836-6606
E-mail: james.r.nakamura@hawaii.gov
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

I feel this bill will allow State Law Enforcement officers to worry less about the politics of their job and focus more on action and responsibilities of their job.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 3:09 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: estankos@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Edward Stankos
Organization: Individual
Address: Ala Ilima Street Honolulu, HI
Phone: (808)389-7246
E-mail: estankos@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

I would respectfully like to submit this statement in total support of SB1065. This bill would fix one of the top 3 of the biggest problems relating to state law enforcement. The men and women who serve in the state law enforcement community desperately need their own representation, apart from the current unit of 3 and 4, which comprises of majority of clerical type workers. Law Enforcement is a very specialized field requiring very unique representation, our concerns in the current units are absolutely not being met. Creating a bargaining unit for state law enforcement officers is needed asap. I ask you to please help the men and women of state law enforcement, who put their lives on the line every day for the people of the great State of Hawaii, by doing your most to pass this bill, Mahalo!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 1:54 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: michael.v.decenzo@hawaii.gov
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael DeCenzo
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 808-587-3620
E-mail: michael.v.decenzo@hawaii.gov
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

Aloha Senator ESPERO, Chair, Senator KIDANI, Vice Chair. I fully support this bill. I believe we have issues that are seperate from those of the clerks in barganing units 3&4.

thank you,

Sgt.Michael DeCenzo
Deputy Sheriff

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 1:57 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: melva.f.ferreira@hawaii.gov
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Melva Ferreira
Organization: Individual
Address: Pier 20 Honolulu, HI
Phone: (808)587-3623
E-mail: melva.f.ferreira@hawaii.gov
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

I am presently a working supervisor in the Sheriffs Department and see first hand the danger and stress Sheriffs Deputies work under. For all the aforementioned to also include the constant physical tactical training they endure, keeping them in a clerical bargaining unit is a disservice to them. They need to be in a unit that can service them at a much higher caliber and recognize their true worth to not only the State of Hawaii but their individual communities.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 7:28 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: mokiao@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

Testimony for PGM 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM SB1065

Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Matthew Mokiao
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mokiao@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:25 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: leuna874@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Alan Leung
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: leuna874@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 12:54 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: twilliams6969@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tony Williams
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: twilliams6969@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

Comments:

I am a Deputy Sheriff for 3 years and with the state department for a total of 11 years and I am in support of this bill

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:15 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: AJONES4414@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: ANN JONES
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: AJONES4414@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

I urge your support and passage of this bill to provide our State Sheriff's division the funding, support and recognition needed to keep our communities safe.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:46 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: PWL962@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Patrick LEE
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: PWL962@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

I have been employed with the Department of Public Safety Sheriff Division for the past 21 years. I support this measure.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 7:25 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: meh_cps@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Hirst
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: meh_cps@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

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

Tuesday, February 15, 2011; 2:45pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

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

I wanted to take this opportunity to ask for your strong support of SB 1065, which would create a bargaining unit (BU) 14 to represent state law enforcement officers.

Currently BU 3 & 4 represents state law enforcement employees. This places state law enforcement officers with supervisory and non-supervisory white-collar positions. By the nature of our work law enforcement officers have unique issues and needs that can often times be very specific to our field. Historically being placed as we are with BU 3 & 4 has caused the majority of our concerns to be ignored due to our small number of members in the unit. By creating a new BU (14) you will be allowing state law enforcement officers the opportunity for the first time at fair collective bargaining. There are hundreds of law enforcement officers across this state that everyday perform an often difficult and dangerous job. It should not be too much to ask that we be afforded the opportunity to have our unique collective bargaining needs and issues addressed with a BU designated for state law enforcement officers.

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

Michael Hirst, Deputy Sheriff II

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 7:58 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: res1vban@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Charles Among Jr
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: res1vban@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

I support this measure to create a separate bargaining unit 14 for state law enforcement officers because they have special needs that can only be addressed by a law enforcement bargaining unit, not a clerical unit. I would like to thank the HGEA for their support of this measure.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 7:18 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: thomas.cayetano@leo.gov
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Thomas K Cayetano
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: thomas.cayetano@leo.gov
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

I am in support of this bill to transfer Sheriff's Office personnel from HGEA's Units 3 & 4 to create a Unit 14. Thank you for your consideration

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:48 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: d_wht1116@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dwight DuPont
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: d_wht1116@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:48 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: ke519@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kevin Eckart
Organization: Hawaii Sheriffs Dept
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ke519@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

As a 25 year veteran of this dept I strongly support this bill.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:47 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: rcsheriffk9@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rollin Canon
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rcsheriffk9@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:47 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: jaipo12@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James P. AIPOALANI
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jaipo12@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:
I am in very strong support of bill SB 1065 relating to collective bargaining

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:46 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: mokioku@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brandon MOKIAO
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mokioku@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:46 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: rockkanoa@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Adrian Kanoa
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rockkanoa@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:45 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: cummingsohana@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Albert CUMMINGS IV
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: cummingsohana@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

I am in very strong support of bill SB 1065 relating to collective bargaining

~~Private Email~~

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:45 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: darryl.f.ng@hawaii.gov
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: DARRYL NG
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: darryl.f.ng@hawaii.gov
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 2:09 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: solescanlan@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brian Scanlan
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: solescanlan@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

I respectfully ask that you strongly support SB 1065. By L.E.O's having our own bargaining unit it would ensure our own specific concerns are addressed and understood.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:44 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: Bruce.M.Yonesaki@hawaii.gov
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bruce M Yonesaki
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Bruce.M.Yonesaki@hawaii.gov
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

I support this bill to create a new bargaining unit for state law enforcement officers. I believe that this is in the best interest of the law enforcement officers who place themselves in harms way to protect and serve the community.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:43 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: joeboy33@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joseph Lovell
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: joeboy33@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:
Please support this bill. Thank you very much.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 2:11 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: chl86@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Christopher Lee
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: chl86@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

I strongly believe in and support SB 1065 - Relating to Collective Bargaining.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 6:02 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: Shane.Souza@usdoj.gov
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shane C. Souza
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Shane.Souza@usdoj.gov
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

I am a Deputy Sheriff for 10 years and I am in support of this bill.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 3:53 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: nanea99@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sean Springer
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: nanea99@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 5:59 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: j.e.barnesiii@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
 Testifier position: support
 Testifier will be present: No
 Submitted by: James E. Barnes III
 Organization: Individual
 Address:
 Phone:
 E-mail: j.e.barnesiii@gmail.com
 Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:
 I am a Deputy Sheriff for 10 years and I am in support of this bill.

Monday, February 14, 2011

To the Senate Committees of Public Safety, Government Operations, Military Affairs and the Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of Senate bills 9, 10, 11 and 1065.

The law enforcement officers of the Sheriff Division face the challenging tasks of preserving public peace and safety, preventing crime, detecting and arresting offenders of the law and protecting citizen rights and property by enforcing laws. There is nothing simple or easy about fulfilling any one aspect of their daily work. As a tax paying citizen and informed voter, it is my civic duty and responsibility to **demand** support for the people who are willing to risk their lives (both ON and OFF duty) for my safety and that of my family and my community, and also the safety of our Governor and Judges.

The Division deserves the financial, capital and legal support of our State government. Our tax dollars should provide the equipment, training, and legal defense for our law enforcement officers for the reasons cited in this letter of support.

It is no secret that law enforcement costs money. Please support the brave men and women of the Sheriff's division to do their job well. As our elected leaders who pledge to "better our State," PLEASE think of the needs of law enforcement officers. They deserve funding for continued professional training, a more convenient and efficient receiving desk to process offenders, a better radio system, and a defense fund for any lawsuits that they are challenged with as a result of the commission of their daily duties. Please vote to support their work – they are professionals, not "warm bodies on the beat." Most people, legislators in particular, have not recognized the essential roles they played in the capture and prosecution of the copper thieves, which saved taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in court costs because of the excellent case built against the offenders. They have EARNED RESULTS in their work with interagency investigations; arresting and retrieving suspects in several heinous crimes and/or crime organizations. They have supported and assisted other law enforcement – FBI, CIA, US Marshals, Secret Service, DEA, DHS, HPD, etc. Please support their efforts by passing SB 9,10 and 11.

In regards to supporting SB 1065, please support the necessity (and the logic) for the creation of a Sheriff's division bargaining unit. Currently they are in the same unit as office and desk workers, teachers, professors and educational officers. Law enforcement, by the very nature of their work, should NOT be in the same bargaining unit as employees who do NOT risk their lives every day on the job. There is no logic, no sense of fairness or justice in that. **They deserve their own bargaining unit that seeks to protect and represent the work that law enforcement personnel do for us. Please support SB 1065!**

Thank you for considering this testimony. Although as a collective group you have discounted the need for prayer by dismissing it from guiding your actions as leaders of the People, this citizen will continue to pray for each of you. I pray that you will make decisions that will support those who provide us safety and accept the challenge of enforcing laws. *I hope that each of you remember that our inalienable rights (life and liberty) are endowed by our Creator, NOT the government since government was created FOR the sole purpose of protecting those rights and defending us from foreign and domestic enemies.* Please help our law enforcement officers DEFEND and protect our rights and property by supporting Senate bills 9, 10, 11 and 1065.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeana Jones
(808) 284-3345
Honolulu, Hawaii

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:46 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: huynhstephen@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1065 on 2/15/2011 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 224
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stepehn Huynh
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: huynhstephen@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

Comments:

i am Deputy Sheriff and i would like our own Union to represent us like how HPD SHOPO has for there officers. We can be in the same Unit as White collar workers. It makes now sense.