



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1012, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: Thursday, February 24, 2011 **TIME:** 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 308

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Stephen Kornegay, Special Agent, Investigations
Division.

Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill.

This bill will provide funding for state law enforcement efforts to ensure the safety and security of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders Meeting.

The Department of the Attorney General, as the designated lead state law enforcement agency, will utilize this funding to ensure that the Department, as well as the Departments of Public Safety, Land and Natural Resources Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE), and Transportation Harbor Police, have the resources they need to plan, equip, train, and staff as required to provide security for APEC.

Providing security for this event is a daunting task that will require the combined resources of all federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies in our state.

Other jurisdictions that have hosted APEC and similar types of international conferences have seen law security staffing requirements of up to 20,000 plus officers, and costs of over 100 million dollars.

Past events of this magnitude have attracted protestors that can number in the tens of thousands. While most are content to exercise their right to free speech and free assembly within the law, others protest violently, damaging property, attacking law enforcement, and attempting to disrupt or shut down the event. Modern protest organizations are often well funded, and traveling to Hawaii to protest APEC, is well within the realm of possibilities.

The presence of 21 world leaders in Hawaii, as well as the significance of APEC to the nation and the world, presents an attractive target for terrorists and violent anti-social individuals, and significant law enforcement resources will be required to effectively mitigate this threat.

There is also a reasonable expectation that crimes targeting tourists may increase during APEC, and minimizing this possibility will also require law enforcement resources.

The Honolulu Police Department has requested that the State of Hawaii provide the fullest assistance possible with APEC related security, to include;

- Securing of ports, airports, and waterways.
- Assisting in the securing of venue sites.
- Providing for the transport, processing, and detention of any mass arrests.

The security planning for APEC is in progress and evolving. As such, additional requirements may be placed on state law enforcement in the future. The current estimates are based on available information and anticipated needs.

Current estimates are that \$2,146,275.00 will be required for state law enforcement APEC related expenses. This includes;

Personnel Costs (Overtime): \$1,286,200.00

(310 officers/support staff @ 9 days plus
training)

Equipment Costs:

(protective gear,

Facial recognition computers

and soft ware) \$ 660,173.00

Current Expense/Misc.: \$ 199,902.00

(Meals, fuel, etc.)

In recognition of the current financial situation, all effort
has been made to identify the minimal level of funding required
to safely and adequately prepare for our role in APEC.

We respectfully request that the Committee approve and pass
this bill.