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WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
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**Before the House Committee on  
PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, February 2, 2012  
9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2681  
RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS**

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House Bill 2681 repeals the requirement that the Conservation and Resources Enforcement program of the Department of Land and Natural Resources receive accreditation or recognition from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. prior to obtaining and using electric guns. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.

The Department is committed to insuring the proper controls on the use of electric guns follow established policies, procedures and training which will be strictly managed in accordance with accepted national guidelines. This bill would allow our officers access to a valuable law enforcement tool now rather than later, enhancing workplace safety for our officers and public safety.