

HB 492

HD2, SD1

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 492, HD2, SD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair

Friday, April 1, 2011, 9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

I am in strong support of House Bill 492, HD2, SD1. This bill requires the Department to develop and implement a comprehensive strategic plan to correct the deficiencies in the sheriff division that were reported in Auditor Report No. 10-06, *Audit of the Department of Public Safety, Sheriff Division*, dated June 2010. It also requires that the department pursue recommendations by the State Auditor.

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

Robin Nagamine, Lieutenant
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Comments:

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee. I am Lt. Michael Oakland of the State Sheriff Division and I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of this bill. I would like to stick to all of my previously written testimony, but to add that passage of this bill is a great beginning in helping the State Sheriff's address issues that have plagued us for decades.

Mahalo Nui Loa for hearing this bill and if I can help in any way regarding this bill please let me know.

Aloha,

Lt. Michael Oakland, Commander
Airport Patrol Section, Sheriff Division Honolulu International Airport, Kalaeloa and
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Hawaii Government Employees Association
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March 31, 2011

Senator David Ige, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol, Room 215

Re: H. B. 492, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Dear Senator Ige:

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 492, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 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, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 specifies corrective action to improve deficiencies highlighted in the audit through a report to the 2012 Legislature on such issues as follows:

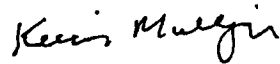
1. Improving the division's radio system to provide adequate and reliable communications for on-duty officers in line with the applicable law enforcement standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. This is safety issue for our members.
2. Relocating the receiving desk from 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 turn themselves in voluntarily.
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.

Senator David Ige, Chair
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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 write in support of H.B. 492, H.D. 2, S.D. 1

Respectfully submitted,



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As a deputy Sheriff, I am in full support on this measure.

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Comments:

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