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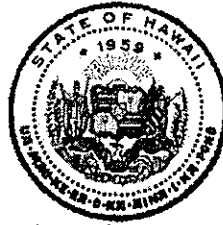
Measure Title:

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Report Title:

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. (HB492 HD2) (\$)

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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 492 HD2
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

by

**Jodie F. Maesaka-Hirata, Director
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**Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 2:45 PM
State Capitol, Room 224**

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the intent of House Bill 492 HD2. This bill requires PSD to address the operational deficiencies of the Sheriff Division as outlined in the Auditor's audit of the division. PSD supports the development 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 specific recommendations outlined by the State Auditor. PSD is already working on the State Auditor's recommendations that includes:

1. Reallocating funding within PSD 900's current budget to perform a risk assessment of each section of the Sheriff's Division;
2. Upon finalization of the Risk Assessment, PSD plans to finalize the

comprehensive strategic plan that the Sheriff Division has worked on since the Audit; and

3. Initiate the process of preparing for and pursuing accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) by reviewing the Sheriff Division's standard operating procedures, general orders, existing policies and statutes to ensure alignment with the division's goals and objectives. This will include working with other law enforcement agencies that are actively accredited.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 492, HD2
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs
Senator Wil Espero, Chair

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

Representative Espero and Members of the Committee:

I am in strong support of House Bill 492, HD2. 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.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2011

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Espero, 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. This bill is one step of many to help the State Sheriff's get the resources needed to address the State Auditor's findings. These findings are serious in nature and this will help us in our efforts to become what everyone expects us to be.

Mahalo Nui Loa for hearing this bill and if there are any questions, I am available in any way needed.

Aloha,

Lt. Michael Oakland, Commander
Airport Patrol Section, Sheriff Division Honolulu International Airport, Kalealoha and Dillingham Air
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The Twenty-Sixth Legislature, State of Hawaii
The Senate
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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
March 15, 2011

H. B. 492, H.D. 2 – RELATING
TO PUBLIC SAFETY

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

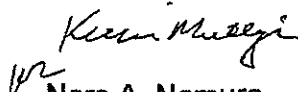
1. Improving the division's radio system to provide adequate and reliable communications for on-duty officers in line with the applicable law enforcement standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. This is safety issue for our members.
2. Relocating the receiving desk from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

Respectfully submitted,


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Comments:
I strongly support HB 492. Public Safety should follow the state audit.

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Comments:

Aloha, my name is Frank Lacaden, I have been a Deputy Sheriff for 13 years and support HB 492 HD2.
Mahalo

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Comments:

We, the below listed deputies, as a collective body, do hereby fully support this measure and its intent; Thomas K Cayetano, Benjamin Kaneaiakala, Lester Inouye, Gavin Kaina, Anthony Demello, Tony Williams, Derwin Gilman, Mark Leonetti, Marilyn Haas, Elson Honda, Dean Yamashita, Lester Kekua, Tony Kaahanui,

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Comments:

I humbly ask the committee members to support this measure so that all the deficiencies in the auditors report may be addressed and remedied at the departmental level where the problem is. The Sheriff's division needs your support. Aloha.

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Comments: