

LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha kakou,

I would like to begin by thanking the committee for taking this issue under consideration and acknowledge my appreciation to Senator Clayton HEE for introducing this noteworthy bill.

My name is Reef Maku'e, a Deputy Sheriff with the Dept. of Public Safety, assigned to the Executive Protection Section and I pledge my support for Bill SB 1065.

I believe this Bill will be the catalyst to unifying all State Law Enforcement Officers under one (1) categorical grouping and will enable it (us) to address the unique needs/provisions that are required to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of law enforcement.

Moreover, in this post-9/11 era, the very act and gesture of this Bill demonstrates the insight of its architect to recognize the essential status of State Law Enforcement Officers; for which I am grateful for.

In short, I encourage this committee, as its prime movers, to please move this Bill forward.

Mahalo,

Reef Maku'e