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The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety, Government  
Operations, and Military Affairs  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 2955, Relating to Probation Officers

I am Robert Green, Major of the Training Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD strongly opposes the passage of Senate Bill No. 2955. This bill would authorize probation officers to acquire and use electric guns.

The safe and proper handling of the electric guns requires a great deal of training and knowledge for their intended use. Current training and certification in the use of the electric gun requires deployment in conjunction with a backup firearm. Currently, probation officers are not authorized to carry firearms while performing their duties. Without the use of the firearm as a backup to a failed electric gun deployment, this could cause a dangerous predicament to an already volatile situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

  
LOUIS M. KEALOHA  
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