

SB 312

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHERIFF DIVISION ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS OPERATED BY THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Report Title: Department of Public Safety Sheriff Division; Cooperative Agreements with Public Housing Authority

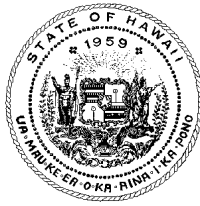
Description: Authorizes the department of public safety sheriff division to enter into agreements with the public housing authority to provide security services to protect the residents, staff, buildings, and lands of the authority.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HMS/PSM, WAM

Introducer(s): ESPERO, Baker, Galuteria, Slom



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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 312
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SHERIFF DIVISION ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS TO
PROVIDE SECURITY AT PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS
OPERATED BY THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

By
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Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 7, 2013; 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 016

Chairs Chun Oakland and Espero, Vice Chairs Green and Baker, and Members of the Committees:

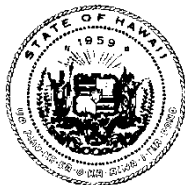
The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports the intent** of Senate Bill 312, which would allow the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to pursue arrangements or enter into agreements with the Department to provide aid and cooperation for the security of the residents, staff, buildings, and lands of the Authority. Senate Bill 312 would also allow the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to reimburse the Department for all costs incurred by the Department for employment of additional personnel, procurement of goods, equipment, furniture, and supplies utilized by the Department to provide the requested services.

Presently, the Department does not have the infrastructure or personnel to provide the additional services requested by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority;

however, the proposed amendments to Section 356D-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes would give the Hawaii Public Housing Authority the ability to reimburse the cost of additional Deputy Sheriff positions and required equipment to provide the services requested by Senate Bill 312.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES AND
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

February 7, 2013 1:00 P.M.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
Senate Bill No. 312
**Relating to the Department of Public Safety Sheriff Division Entering into
Agreements to Provide Security at Public Housing Projects Operated by the
Public Housing Authority**

Honorable Chairs and Members of the Senate Committees on Human Services and Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 312, relating to the Department of Public Safety Sheriff Division entering into agreements to provide security at public housing projects operated by the public housing authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports** the intent of this measure, which would allow the HPHA to enter into agreements with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide security at our low-income resident communities. However, after discussing this measure with the DPS, we were informed that due to their limited amount of personnel, it would not be feasible for the DPS to facilitate a request for security. Therefore, the HPHA will defer to the druthers of the Chairs.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committees on Human Services, and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs with the agency's position regarding S.B. No. 312. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.