

# **SB 892**

RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE.

Expands the offenses of assault against a law enforcement officer in the first and second degree to include assaults against firefighters and water safety officers.



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Testimony by  
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My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, representing more than 3,100 active and retired professional fire fighters throughout the State. HFFA strongly supports S.B. No. 892 which expands the offenses of assault against a law enforcement officer in the first and second degree to include assaults against fire fighters and water safety officers.

Fire fighters are often times the first on scene and as first responders there have been reported incidents of assaults against fire fighters, including a recent incident in the fires station. We believe this is an important step in affording fire fighters and water safety officers "some additional measure of protection" in the line of duty.

The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association supports S.B. No. 892 and respectfully requests your support. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments: The Hawaii Bicycling League supports the inclusion of firefighters and water safety officers in the law. They are protecting and serving us, the public, and should be protected as much as possible while doing so.