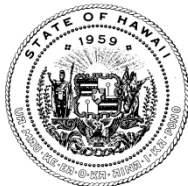


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



Testimony of
GLENN M. OKIMOTO
DIRECTOR

Deputy Directors
FORD N. FUCHIGAMI
RANDY GRUNE
AUDREY HIDANO
JADINE URASAKI

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

IN REPLY REFER TO:
(808) 587-2165

February 19, 2014
9:15 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 211

S.B. 2589, S.D. 1
RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill, which proposes to establish a Hawaii State sheriff, Harbors Division, and to transfer functions and authority exercised by the Department of Transportation relating to harbors law enforcement to the Department of Public Safety, effective July 1, 2016.

The intent of the bill is to further the discussions regarding the transfer of law enforcement functions to the Department of Public Safety. Concurrent to the discussion on this bill, there are on-going discussions and future negotiations of the newly formed Bargaining Unit 14. The effective date of July 1, 2016 provides the Union the opportunity to elect its leadership and provide the State and Union the opportunity to present testimony before the Legislature. The proposed date also permits the parties to negotiate the impact of the transfer to the employee's wages, hours, and working conditions.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill.