

SB 2589

Transfers the law enforcement functions of the harbors division of the department of transportation to the department of public safety, effective July 1, 2016.

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S.B. No. 2589
RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

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.

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RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
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Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator, Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

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

Tuesday, February 04, 2014; 1:16 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Chairs English and Espero, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Baker, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports this bill, which transfers the law enforcement functions of the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation to the PSD. The transfer should only occur provided that all personnel currently employed as Harbor Enforcement Officers meet PSD standards regarding officer certification and training. Fiscal, operational and administrative control must be maintained under one authority to ensure managerial and operational effectiveness. T

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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Neal Miyasato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Senate Bill 2589 because the functions of the Department of Transportation Harbor Police is very unique in that we are trained to use and operate Personal Water Craft and Police Patrol Boats to Patrol Commercial Harbors and respond to incidents occurring in Commercial Harbors within the State of Hawaii. Our Harbor Police Officers are well trained, and they each possess many years of Boating Experience and Law Enforcement Boating Experience in Hawaiian Waters, which is very vital in keeping our Commercial Harbors infrastructure safe for the movement of commerce in and out of the State of Hawaii. Harbor Police Officers are trained to enforce regulatory rules such as Environmental Violations to keep Hawaii's marine environment safe from pollutants for future generations, which may otherwise be overlooked.

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