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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016
11:02 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2460, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT**

House Bill 2460, House Draft 1 proposes to establish a State Law Enforcement Training Academy within the Department of Public Safety. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers comments on this measure.**

While the Department agrees that this measure could help in recruiting personnel for law enforcement positions within state government and assist in standardizing training among various state departments and agencies, the Department is concerned with the sections of the bill describing the expenses of the academy and compensation for training. As currently written, the bill proposes that expenses of training be borne by the Department of Public Safety. The Department is concerned on the potential impact this bill may have on the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

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March 1, 2016

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2460, HD1, Relating to Law Enforcement

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

The HPD opposes the passage of House Bill No. 2460, HD1, Relating to Law Enforcement.

This bill proposes to establish a State Law Enforcement Training Academy within the Department of Public Safety, at an unspecified site, to train all candidates to become law enforcement officers.

The HPD's training academy does not have the necessary quantity of classrooms and parking available to accommodate such a training for all other agencies in conjunction with the current training needs for HPD personnel. Additionally, the HPD does not have any dormitories available to house the various state and county personnel from the neighbor islands while they undergo training at the academy.

The HPD urges you to oppose House Bill No. 2460, HD1, Relating to Law Enforcement.


Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2460, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT

By

Nolan P. Espinda, Director

House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 1, 2016; 11:02 a.m.
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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **opposes** House Bill (HB) 2460 House Draft (HD) 1, which seeks to create a State Law Enforcement Academy under PSD.

As written, the bill proposes to create basic training standards and a basic, standardized training course for prospective law enforcement officers in the State of Hawaii. While PSD understands the value of a basic, standardized law enforcement training, the Department also recognizes that the various enforcement entities have distinct, specialized functions that their officers must perform and for which they must be specifically trained. This applies especially true when existing staff require refresher training.

Currently, State Sheriff Deputy recruits enter a 7-month course under PSD's Training and Staff Development (TSD) office, including 1 month of on-the-job training. TSD is also responsible for training Adult Corrections Officer recruits and provide for other PSD staff training needs. The present TSD training calendar is packed to the extent of allowing only one Sheriff training course in a year. Clearly, PSD does not have the capability or the capacity to undertake such a massive training mission as proposed in HB 2460, HD1.

For these reasons, the Department respectfully requests that this measure be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.