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**Before the House Committee on
PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Thursday, February 11, 2016
10:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309**

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

House Bill 2460 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 would 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 for the potential impact this may have on the Executive Budget Request and on the Department of Public Safety's departmental budget.

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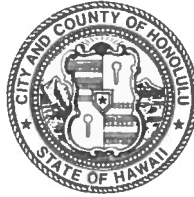
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February 11, 2016

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama and Members:

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

I am Carl Kalani, Captain 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, Relating to Law Enforcement.

This bill proposes to establish a State Law Enforcement Training Academy within the Department of Public Safety to train all candidates to become law enforcement officers. It also seeks to retrain all current law enforcement officers in the State at the academy, which is currently not feasible.

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, Relating to Law Enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

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Louis M. Kealoha
Chief of Police

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Comments: Please support this bill. Thank you.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2460
RELATING TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT

By

Nolan P. Espinda, Director

House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 11, 2016; 10:00 a.m.
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Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

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

Once a law enforcement officer (LEO) leaves the academy, and is commissioned, PSD would not have any oversight or control over job performance and disciplinary measures/outcomes. For example, would the Policies and Procedures (P&Ps) governing law enforcement operations conform to the existing PSD P&Ps?

In addition, the various state law enforcement entities have unique functional tasks which would not necessarily be taught at the proposed academy. One option would be to establish Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) between each respective agency with PSD to define and delineate the program(s) of instruction and responsibilities/liabilities, and to confer a certificate of attendance upon completion of the course(s).

In short, unless these varying law enforcement entities fall under PSD's direct control, including, hiring, commissioning, training, supervising, and disciplining, the Department's assumption of the legality of issuing a gun and badge to each of these individuals, is a liability nightmare waiting to happen.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.