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December 1, 2016

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker
and Members of the House of
Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Instance Of Usage Of Electric Guns report, as required by Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, a copy of this report has been transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau and the report may be viewed electronically at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/reports/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Suzanne Case".

SUZANNE CASE, Chair
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Enclosure

**Report to the Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Regular Session of 2017**

**INSTANCE
OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS**



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Department of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii**

**In response to:
Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes**

**Honolulu, Hawaii
November 2016**

INSTANCE OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS

This report is submitted in accordance with Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding the maintenance of records and instance of usage of electric guns.

Act 148, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, authorized the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) the ability to possess electric guns while continuing efforts toward accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies by June 30, 2018. To that extent, DOCARE has purchased electric guns commonly known as "Tasers" and related accessories.

In June 2015, DOCARE sent personnel to receive instructor level training on the use of the Taser conductive electric weapon. Subsequently, these instructors began training Conservation and Resource Enforcement Officers statewide on the deployment and use of the Taser. This training has since been completed statewide.

In addition, DOCARE has drafted a policy on Taser use and has consulted with the Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA). Additional consultation on DOCARE's use of the Taser has been initiated with the Department of the Attorney General. Consultation has not yet been completed and remains on-going. Upon completion of the consultation, it is expected that a final, official policy on Taser use will be effective and that the actual Taser conductive electric weapons will be fielded shortly thereafter.

Consequently, the Department of Land and Natural Resources reports no instances of the use of electric guns.