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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1129, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO SPECIAL DUTY FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS

by

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House Committee on Finance  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill (HB) 1129, House Draft (HD) 1, which proposes to statutorily authorize what is commonly known as "special duty" services, wherein deputy sheriffs serve the community by providing off-duty law enforcement services for monetary compensation to persons, organizations, and government entities other than the State Department of Public Safety (PSD). HB 1129, HD 1 further proposes that PSD update and revise its policies and procedures governing the processing of special duty requests and establish a compensation schedule for law enforcement services provided by deputy sheriffs performing special duty work.

Deputy sheriffs have long provided off-duty law enforcement work as a service to the community in a wide variety of areas. For example, deputy sheriffs routinely provide security presence at the State Department of Tax and Labor Relations building during business hours; collegiate and high school sporting and extra-curricular events at the University of Hawaii, Aloha Stadium, Department of Education school fields, and private school venues; the State Capitol during the

primary and general elections; as well as privately sponsored events enjoyed by the public such as the Sony Open, to name a few.

PSD now comes before the Legislature to request the statutory authority to continue this service. We stand ready to update and revise our policy and procedures governing the processing and of such requests and our compensation schedule.

Finally, we request one revision to include in the proposed section 353C- \_\_\_ (b), at the end of line 11, page 2 of HB 1129, HD 1: “Department” as defined in section 353C-1. This will provide clarity that it is PSD that shall develop the special duty policy and procedures.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



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H.B. 1129, H.D. 1 - RELATING TO  
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The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 1129, H.D. 1, which requires the Department of Public Safety to develop policies and procedures to govern the processing of requests from Deputy Sheriffs that perform special duty and to establish a compensation schedule for law enforcement services provided by Deputy Sheriffs that perform special duty.

H.D. 1129, H.D. 1 provides for consistency, transparency and fairness within the Department of Public Safety. The Legislature having this recognition leads the department in a positive direction.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 1129, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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