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S.C.R. NO. 94 / S.R. 38
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ESTABLISH
A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY FORENSIC LABORATORIES IN THE STATE

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly **supports** with amendment S.C.R. 94 /S.R. 38, which requests that the Department of the Attorney General establish a working group to study forensic laboratories in the State.

DOT is responsible for the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program in Hawaii. DREs are law enforcement officers who are specially trained in drug detection and classification. Part of the DRE process includes the request for forensic toxicology samples from their subjects for lab analysis. As such, the DOT has a vested interest in toxicology testing in the State and respectfully requests that a representative from our Department be included in the working group.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.