



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Public Safety
February 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

by

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HB 2383 HD1 – RELATING TO SPECIAL DUTY FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 2383 HD1, Relating to Special Duty for Deputy Sheriffs.

The University of Hawai'i ("University") supports HB 2383 which proposes to statutorily authorize what is commonly known as "special duty" service, 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.

Deputy sheriffs have provided this service for the last few years at Les Murakami Stadium. Special duty deputy sheriffs provide a necessary law enforcement presence and ensure the safety of everyone at the stadium. The deputy sheriffs have replaced the presence of county police officers at these events. Deputy sheriffs have also provided valuable special duty services at large events on the University's Mānoa campus.

Based on the foregoing, the University supports HB 2383 HD1.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2383, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO SPECIAL DUTY FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS
by
Nolan P. Espinda, Director
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House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 15; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill (HB) 2383, 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. HB 2383, HD 1 further proposes that PSD maintain, and revise when necessary, 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.

The department now comes before the Legislature to request the statutory authority to continue the off-duty law enforcement services we have provided to the community in a wide variety of areas. For example, deputy sheriffs routinely provide security presence for the primary and general elections at the State Capitol; the State Department of Tax and Labor Relations building during business hours; after-hours construction projects at state buildings; collegiate and high school sporting

and extra-curricular events at the University of Hawaii, Aloha Stadium, Department of Education schools; daily security presence and traffic control at private schools such as Punahou School and Maryknoll School; as well as privately sponsored events enjoyed by the public such as the Sony Open, marathons, and privately held events at the Okinawan Center, Bishop Museum, YMCA, Dole Cannery, and churches, to name a few.

State agencies as well as many of the State of Hawaii's communities and organizations avail themselves of these services. PSD has updated and revised our policies and procedures governing the special duty program, and it is currently pending consult with the union. The department also submitted a report to the Legislature pursuant to Act 75, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, which documents special duty work performed between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017. PSD now comes before the Legislature to request the statutory authority to continue the service which we have routinely provided for years.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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To: The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Public Safety

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Place: Conference Room 312, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 2383, H.D. 1, Relating to Special Duty for Deputy Sheriffs.

The Department of Taxation strongly supports H.B. 2383, H.D. 1, an Administration measure, and provides the following comments your consideration.

H.B. 2383, H.D. 1, requires the Department of Public Safety to develop policy and procedures to govern the processing of requests for “special duty” service performed by deputy sheriffs. Deputy Sheriffs perform “special duty” service by providing off-duty law enforcement services for monetary compensation to persons, organizations, and government entities other than the Department of Public Safety. H.D. 1 has a defective effective date of January 1, 2050.

Deputy Sheriffs continue to provide “special duty” service at the Princess Ruth Keelikolani Building where the main Department of Taxation office is located. Special duty Deputy Sheriffs provide a necessary law enforcement presence and ensure the safety of everyone at our Department. The development of policy and procedures for the processing these requests is very important to the Department as additional “special duty” services may be requested in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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February 15, 2018

H.B. 2383, HD1

RELATING TO SPECIAL DUTY FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS

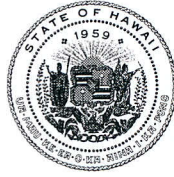
Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Asuega Gates, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the provision of “special duty” law enforcement services as proposed in H.B. 2383, HD1.

The Stadium Authority (Authority) prioritizes guests’ safety as paramount in all of its events held at the Aloha Stadium. In order to ensure an optimum level of safety and security is achieved, the Authority periodically procures the services of special duty law enforcement officers to provide this service.

Deputy Sheriffs that are provided to the Authority through the Department of Public Safety (DPS) have been instrumental in supporting and/or supplementing the Authority’s need to provide law enforcement presence at its events. Over the past two decades, the Authority has worked in conjunction with DPS in various capacities to meet this need.

In addition to providing a law enforcement presence, it is our hope that the establishment of a compensation structure will help to ensure consistency in the application of compensation rates that will allow the Stadium Authority to more accurately communicate this law enforcement cost to its Licensees who may require “special duty” sheriff services for its event. The Stadium Authority respects and appreciates the Legislature’s intent and effort to systematize and provide uniformity in application and compensation of this law enforcement service.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2383, HD1.



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RELATING TO SPECIAL DUTY FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS

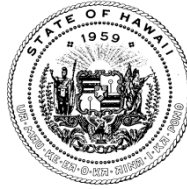
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Chair Takayama and members of the House Committee on Public Safety, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 2383 HD 1. The purpose of this bill is to establish statutory authorization of special duty employment, commonly referred to as special duty services, by deputy sheriffs.

The Office of Elections uses the State Capitol as our control and counting centers for primary and general elections, and various state buildings have served as polling places. The deputy sheriffs have provided valuable security services at these locations during the elections. We have benefitted from their assistance for more than 20 years. They have been cooperative in meeting our security requirements and schedule. Deputy sheriffs have ensured that only properly credentialed personnel have access to the control and counting centers. We feel a law enforcement presence is necessary at a location where sensitive election materials are distributed, collected, and processed, thereby maintaining the integrity of the electoral process. Their presence also maintains order and ensures the safety of the more than 600 staff and volunteers working on election day. We look forward to continuing to work with them in future elections.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 2383 HD 1.

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H.B. No. 2383
RELATING TO SPECIAL DUTY FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS

House Committee on Public Safety

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2383, H.D. 1 relating to special duty for deputy sheriffs and amending and adding to a new section to Chapter 353C, Hawaii Revised Statutes to statutorily authorize special duty employment for deputy sheriffs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

February 15, 2018

H.B. 2383, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO SPECIAL DUTY
FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 2383, which authorizes special duty services for Deputy Sheriffs and requires the Department of Public Safety to develop a compensation schedule and policies & procedures to govern special duty requests.

Although policies and procedures regarding special duty currently exist, H.B. 2383, H.D. 1 ensures express statutory authorization to govern special duty, granting Deputy Sheriffs the equivalency to that of County Police Officers. This measure ensures consistency, transparency and fairness within the Department and represents active steps in a positive direction. Upon passage, we look forward to working with the Department to implement this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 2383, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,


for Randy Perreira
Executive Director

HB-2383-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 10:19:43 PM

Testimony for PBS on 2/15/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2383-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 11:13:20 PM

Testimony for PBS on 2/15/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Plum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill will allow members of the public who need the Sheriff's services to get better access to those services. For example, this bill will faucillitate the service of writs and court orders on behalf of parties in court proceedings. As an attorney, I can tell you that there are certain functions related to court proceedings that only the Sheriff's Dept. can do and there are times when scheduling a Deputy Sheriff is difficult.

Thank you.

HB-2383-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 10:39:23 AM

Testimony for PBS on 2/15/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Nagamine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2383-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 9:35:23 AM

Testimony for PBS on 2/15/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leedo Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Asuega Gate and members of the Committee On Public Safety.

Please support HB 2383.HD1, Relating to Special Duty for Deputy Sheriffs. Your support of HB 2383 HD1 would create parity, uniformity, consistency and unity among the law enforcement agencies engaged in special duty assignments here not only on my island of Maui but thru out the state of Hawaii. Many of these special duty assignments can be hazardous and officer safety can be an important issue. Many of us work these special duties out of duty and a sense of obligation to the community that are actively seeking our assistance. Many of us volunteer our time towards special projects like Project Graduation Night and Big Brothers for example and find ways to give back to our community and to society. For those of us who engage in dangerous endeavors in hazardous environments it is nice to know that appreciation for our services are reflected and shown by instilling competitive wages that are equal across the payscale board, compensatory with our skill level and expertise for all law enforcement officers no matter what color uniform, county or state and no matter what island you call home.

I humbly ask for your support of HB2383 HD1 Relating to Special Duty for Deputy Sheriffs.

Sincerely Yours,

Deputy Sheriff Leedo K. Anderson, Instructor, DPS Sheriff Division Maui Section

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HB-2383-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/15/2018 9:49:21 AM

Testimony for PBS on 2/15/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andy Feliciano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony for HB 2383.

I have been able to provide critical law enforcement services for special duty events throughout my career as a deputy sheriff here on Maui

Therefore, I support HB 2383 in its full entirety.

Thank you for your time

Andy Feliciano

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