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STATE OF HAWAII
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No. _____

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2427
RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

by
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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

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State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports the intent** of Senate Bill (SB) 2427, which would: 1) create a temporary law enforcement working group to make recommendations to the legislature on recruitment, hiring and training standards for all law enforcement officers; 2) prohibit law enforcement officers who have been terminated for misconduct by a state or county department, agency, or office in the capacity of law enforcement from being hired by another state or county law enforcement department or agency; and 3) mandate that the Department of the Attorney General maintain such a list of all law enforcement officers terminated or forced to resign for such misconduct. PSD offers the following comments.

First, on page 3, line 18, the proposed working group should consist of "the Director of the Department of Public Safety or the Director's designee" rather than the State Sheriff. PSD's law enforcement officers include Deputy Sheriffs, Narcotics Enforcement Division Investigators, and Internal Affairs Office Investigators.

Second, any list of law enforcement officers terminated or forced to resign should consider the situation where a law enforcement officer is reinstated through the collective bargaining or legal process.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.