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STATE OF HAWAII  
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No. \_\_\_\_\_

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2743  
RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT

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

Thursday, February 1, 2018; 1:35 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 2743, which would establish, in the Department of the Attorney General, a program responsible for issuing credentials to qualified law enforcement officers, pursuant to the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, as amended (LEOSA). PSD supports a uniform statewide program.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2018**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 2743, RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

**DATE:** Thursday, February 1, 2018      **TIME:** 1:35 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 229

**TESTIFIER(S):** Russell A. Suzuki, First Deputy Attorney General, or  
Amy Murakami, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to amend chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding to part I a new section to establish in the Department a program responsible for issuing credentials to qualified retired law enforcement officers pursuant to the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, as amended (LEOSA or "Act").

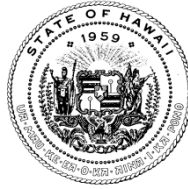
In 2008, the Department with the concurrence of the county chiefs of police, established a LEOSA certification program to comply with the Act and to enable the Department to issue credentials to qualified retired law enforcement officers in Hawaii. The Department was concerned about having a uniform statewide program that would be well regulated and operated with public safety as a priority, while also streamlining multi-island travel by retired law enforcement officers. Under the LEOSA certification program, retired officers may be certified only if they pass standardized firearms qualification testing, a medical exam every two years, and a mental health clearance every year.

This bill gives the Department statutory authority to ensure qualified retired law enforcement officers are properly certified to carry concealed firearms safely, and

clarifies that the Department is the agency responsible for issuing credentials pursuant to LEOSA requirements.

We respectfully ask the Committee to pass this bill.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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**S.B. 2743**  
**RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT**

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 2743 relating to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) as codified at 18 U.S.C. section 926C, as amended, which will authorize the Department of the Attorney General to establish a program to be responsible for issuing credentials to qualified retired law enforcement officers in Hawaii.

In 2008, the Department of the Attorney General established a certification program to comply with LEOSA and would be the appropriate state agency to include in their certification program the issuance of credentials to retired law enforcement officers in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**SB-2743**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:59:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephen Orikasa	Maui Police Department	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2743**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 10:16:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard K. Minatoya	Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney	Support	No

Comments:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui SUPPORTS SB 2743, which will establish a LEOSA program in the Department of the Attorney General. The Department requests that this measure be PASSED.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**SB-2743**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:11:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Isaacson		Support	No

Comments:

More armed good guys in the population will discourage crime, so this bill deserves to pass.

**SB-2743**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 6:59:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Urasaki		Support	No

Comments:

In support of this measure.

Mahalo.