

**SB 3079**

**SD-1**

**RELATING TO LAW  
ENFORCEMENT**

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state sheriff  
2 division provides security and law enforcement response for all  
3 state judiciary facilities. On the Kona and Kohala sides of the  
4 island of Hawaii, the sheriff division is responsible for the  
5 main courthouse in Kona as well as physically separate locations  
6 for the drug and family court. The sheriff division is also  
7 responsible for the courthouses in Hilo and Waimea.  
8 Responsibility for this vast geographical area makes it  
9 difficult for the sheriff division to effectively and  
10 efficiently supervise line deputies and provide necessary  
11 services. Currently, there is only a single lieutenant in the  
12 division who is responsible for supervising these courts.

13           The legislature also finds that the current level of  
14 staffing in the sheriff division on the island of Hawaii,  
15 particularly in the Kona unit, is inadequate for the sheriff  
16 division to properly perform its duties. Further, the



1 legislature concludes that the Kona unit would be more effective  
2 and efficient with proper staffing.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 4 (1) Establish one full-time equivalent permanent  
5 lieutenant position in the Kona unit of the sheriff  
6 division within the department of public safety; and  
7 (2) Appropriate funds for the initial six-month hiring  
8 period and for one-time costs for the purchase of  
9 position-related uniforms and equipment, with the  
10 intention that funds for the position will be included  
11 and requested within the department's base budget for  
12 subsequent years at a rate equivalent to the base  
13 salary for the position as determined by the  
14 department.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
18 hiring of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent  
19 lieutenant position in the Kona unit of the sheriff division  
20 within the department of public safety for the initial six-month  
21 hiring period and for one-time costs for the purchase of



1 position-related uniforms and equipment; provided that funds for  
2 the position shall be included and requested within the  
3 department's base budget for subsequent years at a rate  
4 equivalent to the base salary for the position as determined by  
5 the department.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
7 public safety for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Law Enforcement; Sheriff Division; Kona Unit; Permanent  
Lieutenant Position; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes one full-time equivalent lieutenant position in the Kona unit of the sheriff division within the department of public safety. Appropriates funds for the initial six-month hiring period and for one-time costs for the purchase of position-related uniforms and equipment. Effective 7/1/2050.  
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**TESTIMONY**



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment**

Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair

Representative Daniel Holt, Vice Chair

and

**The House Committee on Public Safety**

Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair

Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 309

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

by

Judge Greg K. Nakamura

Chief Judge, Third Circuit

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 3079, S. D. 1, Relating to Law Enforcement.

**Purpose:** Establishes one (1) full-time equivalent lieutenant position in the Kona unit of the Sheriff Division within the Department of Public Safety. Appropriates funds for the initial six-month hiring period and for one-time costs for the purchase of position-related uniforms and equipment. Effective 7/1/2050.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary supports Senate Bill No. 3079, S. D. 1. We concur with the Department of Public Safety that the vast geographical area of control on the Big Island makes it difficult for the sheriff division to effectively and efficiently supervise line deputies and provide necessary services with only one (1) lieutenant position for the entire island. Having a lieutenant position

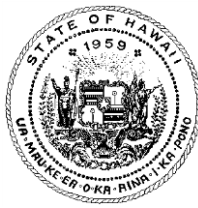


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for the Kona side of the island will help to make delivery of services more equitable between the two sides of the island.

We appreciate the work of the Sheriff Division and support their request for an additional lieutenant position on the Big Island. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3079, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Chairs Johanson and Takayama, Vice Chairs Holt and Gates, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **strongly supports** Senate Bill (SB) 3079, Senate Draft (SD) 1, which would establish one full-time equivalent lieutenant position in the Sheriff Division, Kona unit and appropriate funds for the initial six-month hiring period and for one-time costs for purchase of uniforms and equipment.

The Sheriff Division, Hawaii Section is responsible for all courthouses in Hilo, Waimea, and Kona, including the physically separated drug and family courts. One lieutenant, whose office is in Hilo, currently supervises this vast geographical area of control. A second lieutenant for the Kona unit will allow for more effective and efficient supervision of the line deputies and enhance the capacity to provide the necessary services to the Judiciary and the Hawaii Island community.

PSD would note that HB 1900, HD 1, Relating to the State Budget, includes a House Adjustment to add 1.0 permanent Lieutenant position and funds to the Kona Unit

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under PSD 503 Sheriff, Sequence no. 1000-001. The total appropriation is \$85,670, which would fund a full year's salary. We are in full support of either the HB 1900, HD 1 adjustment or this current bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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Comments:

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Comments:

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