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December 5, 2018

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker  
and Members of the House of  
Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Instance Of Usage Of Electric Guns report, as required by Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, a copy of this report has been transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau and the report may be viewed electronically at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/reports/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Suzanne D. Case".

SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson

Enclosure

**Report to the Thirtieth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019**

**INSTANCE  
OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS**



**Prepared by:  
Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii**

**In response to:  
Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes**

**Honolulu, Hawaii  
December 2018**

## **INSTANCE OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS**

This report is submitted in accordance with Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding the maintenance of records and instance of usage of electric guns.

Act 148, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, authorized the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) the ability to possess electric guns while continuing efforts toward accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies by June 30, 2018.

DOCARE continues to train Enforcement Officers in the use of the Taser Conductive Electric Weapons. DOCARE is also providing training to keep the Division's Taser Instructor qualifications current. Inspection of the taser equipment by the Instructor staff has discovered technical issues relating to battery life and firmware updates. DOCARE is working to resolve these issues to ensure readiness of the equipment when fielded. DOCARE expects to issue and field the weapons to its officers as soon as these technical issues are resolved.

Consequently, the Department of Land and Natural Resources reports no instances of the use of electric guns.