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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that public safety  
2 officers, including state deputy sheriffs, provide invaluable  
3 societal contributions by risking their lives each day in  
4 service to Hawaii's residents. The legislature also finds that  
5 public safety officers are in a position of public trust as the  
6 guardians and protectors of the State's communities. This role  
7 requires extending respect and compassion to the people of the  
8 State while also holding individuals accountable for criminal  
9 conduct.

10           The legislature further finds that public safety officers  
11 are frequently in harm's way and must quickly make difficult  
12 decisions while under stress. The legislature finds that  
13 because of the gravity of these decisions, the people of the  
14 State and public safety officers themselves rely on and expect  
15 thorough training and accountability.

16           The purpose of this Act is to support the role of public  
17 safety officers by:



- 1 (1) Requiring the department of public safety to revise
- 2 its policies and procedures governing the use of
- 3 force, weapons, and equipment;
- 4 (2) Require the department's use of force training to be
- 5 reviewed by the law enforcement standards board; and
- 6 (3) Appropriate funds for training, equipment, and related
- 7 records management.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 353C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
 10 and to read as follows:

11 "§353C- Use of force policies and procedures and  
 12 training. (a) The department shall revise its policies and  
 13 procedures governing the use of force, weapons, and equipment.

14 (b) The department's use of force training shall be  
 15 reviewed by the law enforcement standards board established  
 16 under chapter 139, and may include use of force decision making,  
 17 crisis intervention, de-escalation techniques, and less than  
 18 lethal alternatives.

19 (c) The deputy director of the law enforcement division  
 20 shall be included and certified in all weapons training."



1 SECTION 3. The department of public safety shall report  
2 its progress regarding the revision of its policies and  
3 procedures governing the use of force, weapons, and equipment,  
4 pursuant to section 353C- (a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, in  
5 section 2 of this Act, to the Legislature by January 1, 2020.

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and  
9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
10 year 2020-2021 for the development and implementation of less  
11 than lethal use of force training and related records management  
12 for the deputy sheriffs of the department of public safety.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
14 of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 5. 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 2019-2020 and the  
18 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
19 2020-2021 for the purchase and maintenance of less than lethal  
20 equipment, including weapons, for use by the department of



1 public safety deputy sheriffs certified in the less than lethal  
2 use of force.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of public safety for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Department of Public Safety; Deputy Sheriffs; Less Than Lethal Equipment; Training; Report; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires PSD to revise its policies governing use of force, weapons, and equipment and report its progress to the Legislature. Requires PSD's use of force training to be reviewed by the Law Enforcement Standards Board. Requires the Deputy Director of the Law Enforcement Division to be included and certified in all weapons training. Appropriates funds for less than lethal use of force training and equipment. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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