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December 12, 2019

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, HI 96813

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

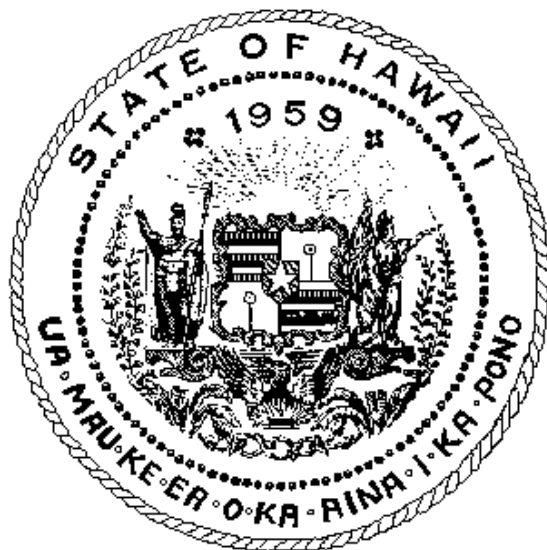
For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the 2019 Annual Report on the Use and Discharge of Electric Guns, as required by Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at: [https://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2019 Annual Report on Use and Discharge of Electric Guns.pdf](https://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2019%20Annual%20Report%20on%20Use%20and%20Discharge%20of%20Electric%20Guns.pdf).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nolan P. Espinda".

Nolan P. Espinda
Director

Enclosures



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT TO THE 2020 LEGISLATURE**

**2019 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE USE AND DISCHARGE OF
ELECTRIC GUNS**

December 2019

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SECTION 134-16 (d), HRS
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE 2020 LEGISLATURE**

Chapter 134-16(d) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes states:

The County police departments of this State, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the Army and Air National Guard shall maintain records regarding every electric gun in their custody and control. The records shall report every instance of usage of the electric guns; in particular, records shall be maintained in a similar manner as for those of discharging of firearms. The County police departments, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the Army and Air National Guard shall annually report to the Legislature regarding these records no later than twenty days before the beginning of each regular session of the Legislature.

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) has purchased 25 Axon Taser 7 conducted electric weapons, along with 33 additional licenses, to be deployed under a pilot project, once a policy has been appropriately consulted with the union and our law enforcement officers (LEOs) trained. The intent is to have our LEOs carrying the new conducted electric weapons, under the pilot project, in early 2020.

As of December 2, 2019, PSD has not had any usage or discharge of its conducted electric weapons.