



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2291, H.D. 2, RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 **TIME:** 1:45 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 229

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or
Amy Murakami, Deputy Attorney General

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).

The Department's intent is to create a uniform statewide program that would be well regulated and operated with public safety as a priority. 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 will give the Department statutory authority and the ability to promulgate rules 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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Submitted on: 3/6/2020 4:36:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/10/2020 1:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Great idea to have more trained and armed good folks helping the police, and it complies with Federal policies.