



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

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

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

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 430

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

Chair Takayama 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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February 6, 2020

TO: Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: Measure: S.B. No. 2291 – RELATING TO TAXATION
Hearing Date: February 10, 2020
Time: 2:45 p.m.
Location: Room 016

Bill Description: Establishes a refundable tax credit equal to an unspecified percentage of a taxpayer's eligible child care expenses. Defines eligible child care expenses to mean the sum of the taxpayer paid to a child care facility in the State to: (1) support the child care needs of the taxpayer's employees in the taxable year; and (2) purchase child care slots at the child care facility that are actually provided or reserved for children of the taxpayer's employees. Applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: Support the Intent

Good afternoon. I am Lauren Moriguchi, Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). EOEL supports the intent of Senate Bill 2291.

We appreciate the Legislature's support of EOEL's statutory responsibility to develop the State's early childhood system that shall a spectrum of high-quality development and learning opportunities for children throughout the state, from prenatal care until the time they enter kindergarten, with priority given to underserved or at-risk children.

We truly appreciate the Legislature's recognition that families of young children in Hawaii need more affordable, high-quality child care options. Incentivizing employers to address their employees' child care needs through tax credits such as the one proposed in this bill would help provide our families with the support they need.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 3:07:42 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/12/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
keoni de la cruz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill as the Attorney General has been doing an outstanding job with LEOSA and qualifications. My one issue is 16 years ago this act was passed yet there is no mention of what exemptions Active and Retired Law Enforcement Officers have under HRS 134. If an Officer visits Hawaii from the Mainland and stays after 5 days they must register their firearm with the Hawaii Police Department. This is not a requirement of LEOSA but a state requirement in which many Law Enforcement Officers do not wish to visit Hawaii with their families because of this law. My spouse is a Probation Officer on the Big Island and I am a retired Federal Law Enforcement Officer Qualified in the State of Hawaii under the LEOSA program and have run into probationers in which my spouse has issued warrants against or their family members. This is the same issue with mainland officers and shows that just because you visit an area that you are not a Law Enforcement Officer, you may encounter someone you arrested anywhere you go. This is what the Law was intended to do, protect Law Enforcement wherever they go. Please add amendments to the LEOSA to include addition of exemptions to the law for qualified Law Enforcement Officers for our safety.

Mahalo,

Keoni De La Cruz

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Submitted on: 2/9/2020 10:39:28 PM

Testimony for PVM on 2/12/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I hope that the requirements are made so that qualified persons are able to be certified by the state.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2020 9:26:50 AM

Testimony for PVM on 2/12/2020 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is a great idea. The more armed good people we have assisting the police, the less crime we will suffer.