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To: The Honorable Richard H.K. Onishi, Chair,
The Honorable Jackson D. Sayama, Vice Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Labor & Tourism

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 312, State Capitol

From: Anne Perreira-Eustaquio, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. 2174 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB2174 proposes to amend the title in Chapter 386, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), part V, subpart C, to include Reserve Public Safety Law Enforcement Officers and to amend Section 386-181, HRS, to add reserve public safety law enforcement officers to the list of volunteer personnel covered under this section.

The DLIR supports this measure.

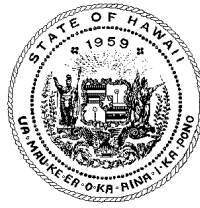
II. CURRENT LAW

The title in Chapter 386, part V, subpart C, and the volunteer personnel listed in section 386-181, HRS, does not include the reserve public safety law enforcement officer.

III. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE BILL

The DLIR supports this proposal as it will assist the Department of Public Safety in augmenting its cadre of reserve volunteer law enforcement officers and increase law enforcement to better protect the community.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2174
RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.

By
Max N. Otani, Director

House Committee on Labor and Tourism
Representative Richard K. Onishi, Chair
Representative Jackson D. Sayama, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 8, 2022; 9:30 a.m.
Via Teleconference

Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Sayama, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill (HB) 2174, which: 1) amends the title of chapter 386, part V, subpart C, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to add reserve public safety law enforcement officers; 2) amends section 386-181, HRS, to include reserve public safety law enforcement officers to the list of volunteer occupations covered under the workers' compensation law; 3) allows reserve public safety law enforcement officers who are injured under the conditions specified in section 386-3, HRS, to receive workers' compensation; and 4) adds reserve public safety law enforcement officers to the list of volunteers who are covered under the conditions for computing average weekly wages.

The Department is poised to begin a volunteer enforcement program that will recruit PSD's recent retirees and motivated members of the public to assist PSD with its law enforcement responsibilities, similar to police reserve programs in the county police departments. Under the Department's program, its volunteer reserve public safety law enforcement officers would be trained to the same standard as its full-time officers. PSD realizes, however, that law enforcement work can be dangerous and the volunteer public safety reserve officers that the Department wishes to recruit may

become injured in the line of duty. Consequently, PSD respectfully requests that the Committee pass HB 2174 so that those volunteer public safety reserve officers recruited by PSD may be covered under the Workers' Compensation law should they become injured in the line of duty.

For these reasons, PSD supports HB 2174 and respectfully requests that the Committee pass this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony