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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, March 15, 2022
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Via Videoconference and Conference Room 312

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

Re: S.B. 3142 S.D.1 RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB3142 S.D. 1 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 SENATE 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.

SB-3142-SD-1

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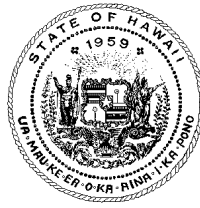
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you committee to pass this measure. Thank you.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3142, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.

By
Max N. Otani, Director

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2022; 9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 3142, 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, like 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 recognizes, however, that law enforcement work can be dangerous

and that the volunteer public safety reserve officers the Department wishes to recruit could become injured while working as Department volunteers. Consequently, PSD respectfully requests that the Committee on Labor and Tourism pass SB 3142, SD 1 so that the 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 3142, SD 1.