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March 2, 2022

To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair,  
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair,  
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2022  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

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

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

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

SB3142 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.

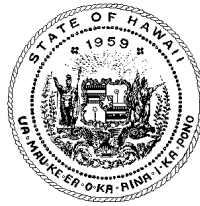
**II. CURRENT LAW**

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.

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

By  
Max N. Otani, Director

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
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Via Videoconference

Chairs Dela Cruz and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Keith-Agaran and Keohokalole, and Members of the Committees:

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 Committees pass SB 3142 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.

**SB-3142**

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 6:56:33 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

They should have there own medical plan and the people of Hawaii should not be stuck with the BILL!!