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November 30, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker
and Members of the House of
Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Instance of Usage of Electric Guns report, as required by Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, a copy of this report has been transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau and the report may be viewed electronically at <https://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/reports-to-the-legislature/2023/DC23-Report-On-Usage-Of-Electric-Guns-FY22.pdf>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne D. Case".

SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Enclosure

**Report to the Thirty-Second Legislature
Regular Session of 2023**

**INSTANCE
OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS**



**Prepared by:
Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement
Department of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii**

**In response to:
Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes**

**Honolulu, Hawaii
October 2022**

INSTANCE OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS

This report is submitted in accordance with Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding the maintenance of records and instance of usage of electric guns.

Act 148, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, authorized the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement, hereinafter identified as DOCARE, the ability to possess electric guns while continuing efforts toward accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies by June 30, 2018.

Currently all Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers (CREOs) have been trained and are fielding the Axon TASER X26P Conductive Energy Weapons ("Electric Guns"). The deployment of these weapons and training has been completed statewide resulting in all CREOs having the ability to use Less than Lethal force when necessary. Additionally, forty-two (42) Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officer recruits will be trained on the use of the Taser Conductive Energy Weapons during their initial Academy training. Lastly, DOCARE will continue instructor level training to maintain the ability to train and certify CREOS in the proper application of the TASER X26P and TASER 7 Conductive Energy Weapons and monitor for updated software for these tools. The TASER 7 model will replace the TASER X26P model which will become obsolete in the near future.

Consequently, the Department of Land and Natural Resources reports no instance of the use of electric guns.