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Testimony of
Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawaii

Before the
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

In consideration of
Governor's Message No. 510

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Governor's Message No. 510, the appointment of Jordan Lowe to be the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

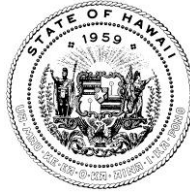
Jordan has over 40 years of law enforcement experience with various departments and agencies on the federal, state, and county levels. Prior to his appointment as Director of the Department, Jordan served as the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement with the Department of Public Safety (PSD) since November 2020. In these capacities, Jordan has been instrumental with initiating and developing the framework for DLE and managed the administrative oversight for both the Sheriff and Narcotics Enforcement Divisions within PSD.

In addition to his roles at DLE and PSD, Jordan was also previously the Chief Investigator for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney at the City and County of Honolulu; Chief Special Agent at the Department of Taxation; served as a Senior Special Agent and Supervisory Special Agent with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and was an Internal Auditor for the Internal Revenue Service.

With his extensive background and experience in law enforcement, Jordan is well qualified to lead and continue to build out our new Department of Law Enforcement.

Mahalo for your consideration.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 510
NOMINATION OF JORDAN LOWE, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of Governor Josh Green's nomination of Jordan Lowe as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

Mr. Lowe has over 40 years of law enforcement experience with various federal, state, and local agencies. Since 2020 he has been the Director of DLE and Deputy Director for Law Enforcement for the Department of Public Safety. In these roles, he initiated the framework development for DLE and has managed administrative oversight for the Sheriff Division and Narcotics Enforcement Division.

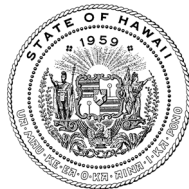
He has also served as the Chief Investigator for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney at the City and County of Honolulu, Chief Special Agent at the Department of Taxation, Senior Special Agent for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and as an Internal Auditor for the Internal Revenue Service.

With this extensive experience, he is ready to form the newly created department, develop its investigation programs, and centralize its enforcement functions.

I am happy to support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 510

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
3:00 p.m.
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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JORDAN
LOWE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON 12-07-2026.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of Jordan Lowe to the position of Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. I am working with Mr. Lowe in my professional capacity as Director of Finance.

Governor Green's administration shares his priorities of homelessness and housing, the cost of living, climate change, and health care for the people of Hawai'i. We are committed to take action to make the needed changes to move Hawai'i forward.

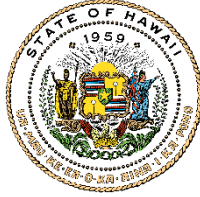
Mr. Lowe is an integral part of a team that is dedicated to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Mr. Lowe has been serving as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement since December 2022. Prior to that, he was the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement since 2020. He also held various State and Federal positions in the investigative field. His work experience and knowledge will benefit the department and the State; therefore, I support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 510
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JORDAN LOWE FOR DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Governor's Message 510 proposes to confirm as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement, gubernatorial nominee, Jordan Lowe, for a term to expire 12-07-2026. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department recognizes that Mr. Jordan Lowe has held positions at the Department of Law Enforcement, the City and County of Honolulu's Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, and has experience conducting special criminal investigations. The expertise and relationships that Mr. Lowe has built working for law enforcement agencies for the past 35 years are exemplary and offer a solid foundation for nomination to the Director position with the Department of Law Enforcement.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor Message 510..



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Date: 03/08/2023

Time: 03:00 PM

Location: CR 225 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: GM 0510 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, JORDAN LOWE, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Purpose of Bill:

Department's Position:

As the Superintendent of the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department), I strongly support Governor's Message 510 and the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

As a former Special Agent with the Criminal Investigation Division for the IRS, Jordan Lowe has handled complex financial investigations, demonstrating his ability to work with precision and attention to detail. He also worked with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Mr. Lowe's impressive resume continues with experience working in the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney's office as the Chief Investigator for the Investigative Services Division. Most recently, he served as the Deputy Director for Law Enforcement in the Public Safety Department.

The establishment of the Hawaii State Department of Law Enforcement was a critical step in ensuring public safety and enforcing state laws throughout the State of Hawaii. As more vocal and disruptive citizens assail public servants, as has happened at Hawaii State Board of Education meetings and to Department employees, this new department under able leadership must be in place to maintain public order.

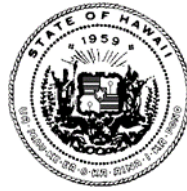
With over four decades of experience in federal and state law enforcement, Jordan

Lowe is uniquely qualified to lead the Department of Law Enforcement. He deeply understands the complexities of law enforcement work and has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving the community and upholding the law.

I urge you to support the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement. I have no doubt that Mr. Lowe's dedication, integrity, and expertise will serve the people of Hawaii well in this vital role.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Jordan Lowe.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
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CATHY BETTS
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March 7, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director
Joseph Campos II, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: **Testimony in Support**
G.M. 510, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Director, Department of Law Enforcement, Jordan Lowe

Hearing: March 8, 2023 at 3:00 pm
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

We, Cathy Betts and Joseph Campos II, serve as the Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services. We are testifying in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 510, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement, Jordan Lowe.

Mr. Lowe has extensive experience in law enforcement at the Federal and State level. In 2020, Mr. Lowe became the Deputy Director for Law Enforcement with the State of Hawaii Department of Public Safety. As the Deputy Director, Mr. Lowe was always responsive whenever the Department of Human Services (DHS) had concerns over staff safety. He always helped DHS think proactively about staff safety and when needed, arranged the support of the Sheriffs.

Mr. Lowe was instrumental in the development of the framework for the new Department of Law Enforcement and has the knowledge needed to effectively lead a new department. We are confident he has the skills necessary to be the first Director of Department of Law Enforcement.

Thank you for allowing us to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 510 and Mr. Lowe.

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**TESTIMONY OF
GARY S. SUGANUMA, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION**

TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

In consideration of G.M. No. 510

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial nominee, Jordan Lowe

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2023
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 225

Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

I believe that Mr. Lowe's experience within the Department of Public Safety, as well as his other law enforcement roles within the federal, state and county level government sectors, will enable him to be an effective leader for DLE. Mr. Lowe is committed and highly motivated to take on this new role and I am confident he will do a great job.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 510.

JOSH GREEN
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 510,
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JORDAN LOWE

PRESENTATION TO
THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
ADJUTANT GENERAL,
DIRECTOR OF HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY,
AND HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR

MARCH 6, 2023

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and Homeland Security Advisor, Department of Defense, State of Hawaii.

I respectfully submit testimony in **SUPPORT of GM510**, relating to the Gubernatorial Nomination of Mr. Jordan Lowe as Director, Department of Law Enforcement.

There is no better leader to serve as the Director for the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). I served with Mr. Lowe during Governor Ige's administration as he led the efforts that led to the authorization and phased plan to establish the Department of Law Enforcement. During my time working with Mr. Lowe, I found him to be an exceptional leader with noteworthy law enforcement experience and expertise. He has dedicated his life to law enforcement spanning a career that extends over 40 years. Mr. Lowe served as a law enforcement officer in federal, state and county governments. The relationships he has built over those years has proven to be invaluable to the state.

I also worked closely with Mr. Lowe in his role as the Department of Public Safety, Deputy Director for Law Enforcement during the COVID-19 pandemic. His leadership and dedication ensured that the Hawaii Safe Travels program was properly enforced.

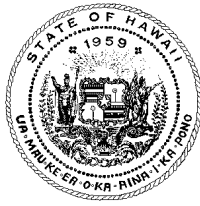
Mr. Lowe is a consummate professional, thoughtful and mindful in his leadership, and an expert in his craft. Law enforcement faces many challenges today, Mr. Lowe will ensure those challenges are faced with steady and experienced leadership.

Mr. Lowe is someone I would be honored to continue serving with and am confident he will be a pillar to guide and lead our state into the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 510
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JORDAN LOWE
By
Tommy Johnson, Director

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

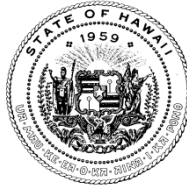
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Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director of the newly created Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). I have worked side by side with Mr. Lowe for more than 2 years during a period when he served as the Deputy Director for Law Enforcement of the Department of Public Safety (PSD) and now as the nominee to become the Director of the DLE.

Mr. Lowe has more than four decades of law enforcement experience at both, the State and Federal levels and he has clearly demonstrated the prerequisite knowledge, leadership, managerial, and interpersonal skills required to lead the DLE. I strongly urge this committee to recommend advise and consent for this highly qualified nominee for such a critically important position as the Director of the DLE.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 510 and the confirmation of Mr. Lowe.



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Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jordan Lowe

Senate Committee on Public Safety & Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as Director for the Department of Law Enforcement.

Mr. Lowe received his B.S. in Accounting from California State University and has been certified as Explosives Specialist with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and as a Crisis Negotiator assigned to Special Response Team IV.

Mr. Lowe has held various positions in public safety most recently he served as the Deputy Director for Law Enforcement, prior to that he was as the Chief Investigator with the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney with the City and County of Honolulu. He also worked as Chief Special Agent with the Department of Taxation, Resident Agent in Charge & Supervisory Special Agent with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and Special Agent with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

As Deputy Director for Law Enforcement, Mr. Lowe was responsible for managing the law enforcement and security programs within the department and provide investigative and administrative oversight for the Sheriffs Division. He has the background and experience to lead the department as its director.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Testimony COMMENTING on GM510
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement, Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, JORDAN LOWE, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

SENATOR GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: 3/8/2023

Room Number: CR 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the nomination of Mr.
3 Jordan Lowe for Director of Law Enforcement for the State of Hawaii. Mr. Lowe's experience
4 in numerous law enforcement capacities – white collar, organized crime, narcotics, crises
5 negotiation, including supervisory and leadership positions – is well suited for a new Cabinet
6 agency looking to establish its culture and identify.

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8 DOH looks forward to Mr. Lowe's leadership and partnership to reduce risk factors for our keiki,
9 kupuna, and everybody inbetween that contribute to trauma, injury, and morbidity.

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11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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13 **Offered Amendments:** None

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023
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GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 510

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, JORDAN LOWE, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Chairperson Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Jordan Lowe as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). Jordan has received training in explosives, conducted criminal investigations, drug enforcement, and IRS investigations during his 30+ years in law enforcement. He has received 33 awards for his work including the FBI Director's Award, U.S. Marshals Certificate of Appreciation, and nine Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Special Act Awards. He is qualified and the right person for the position.

Respectfully requesting your vote to confirm JORDAN LOWE's nomination to serve as the Director, DLE.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Michael S. Vincent

GM 510: CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
OF
JORDAN LOWE

Gubernatorial Nominee as Director, Department of Law Enforcement

Before the Senate Committee on

Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Wednesday, March 8, 2023; 3:00 p.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 225, Via Videoconference

Testifier: Michael S. Vincent

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Jordan Lowe to serve as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

I currently serve as the Deputy Director for Administration in the DLE and have the privilege of working with Jordan and the team he has put together. Jordan's background is particularly helpful as we enter a new era of law enforcement with the creation of the DLE.

Jordan's law enforcement experience spans over 40 years with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. His extensive experience in law enforcement, criminal investigations, and related operations has placed him in the unique position of having directly initiated and or participated numerous cases involving illegal drugs, organized crime, explosives, firearms, and a wide range of criminal activities. As he has grown in his career, the level of complexity of cases and his ability to successfully investigate and prosecute these cases has placed him in a unique place in time, location, and purpose where he can serve our community in a way that will benefit generations as he lays the foundation of the new DLE.

Jordan's background with the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives alone has provided him wide-ranging opportunities of bringing law enforcement agencies at all levels together to cohesively engage in law enforcement investigations and operations. This experience and ability to work closely with numerous law enforcement agencies is particularly critical in Hawai'i where we recognize that no single agency can address the multi-jurisdictional issues entangled in criminal activity in our communities. I have had a long career working with emergency

CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF
JORDAN LOWE
March 3, 2023
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management, first responders, and law enforcement officers at all levels and have seen how important these working relationships are for the success of planning and operations essential to providing for the safety of our community. I have worked with Jordan for the last three months and watched him reach out to establish working relationships, identify common goals, and develop plans on how to be our best as an agency. It is a pleasure to see the DLE working closely with the county police departments, other state agencies, and various federal agencies with the single underlying goal of serving our community and protecting the public.

Assembling the right team of professionals to stand up a new administrative department with the right background, expertise, attitude, and objectives is not an easy accomplishment. Yet Jordan has brought together a team of people with the right talent, skills, capabilities, experience, and vision to make a real difference in laying the foundation of the DLE and setting it on a path the people of Hawai'i will be proud to have serving them. Each of these people have unique knowledge, skills, talent, proficiencies, practice, and character for their specific area of responsibility, but that is not all, everyone works very well together with a strong desire to do the right thing for the success of DLE taking lessons learned and applying them to our current mission. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with all of these great people Jordan has pulled together and look forward to the future success of DLE.

For these and other reasons, I strongly support the nomination of Jordan Lowe to serve as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement and respectfully ask the Committee to move his nomination forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of Jordan.
Michael S. Vincent

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 510
RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

by
Edmund "Fred" Hyun, Chairman
Hawaii Paroling Authority

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.
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Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

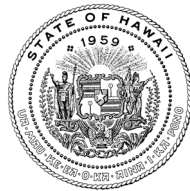
The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** the nomination of JORDAN LOWE as Director of Law Enforcement. Mr. Lowe has clearly demonstrated his ability to lead and command his organization as the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement (under Public Safety) and now as Director for the Department of Law Enforcement.

His attention to detail is impeccable as well as his organizational skills. His stellar federal career with the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Internal Revenue Service as well as his positions with the State Department of Taxation and the City & County Prosecutor's Office have provided the Nominee with a solid foundation to build the newly created Department.

My personal and professional knowledge of Mr. Lowe began when he was with the State Tax Office, then with the City Prosecutor, before recommending his appointment to Governor Ige to serve as Deputy Director of Law Enforcement under the Department of Public Safety in 2020. Mr. Lowe's moral fiber is unquestionable and a major reason I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 510

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Room 225 & Videoconference

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JORDAN
LOWE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON 12-07-2026.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the appointment of Jordan Lowe to the position of Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. I am working with Mr. Lowe in my professional capacity as Deputy Director of Finance.

Governor Green's administration shares his priorities of homelessness and housing, the cost of living, climate change, and health care for the people of Hawai'i. We are committed to take action to make the needed changes to move Hawai'i forward.

Mr. Lowe is an integral part of a team that is dedicated to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Mr. Lowe has been serving as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement since December 2022. Prior to that, he was the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement since 2020. He also held various State and Federal positions in the investigative field. His work experience and knowledge will benefit the department and the State; therefore, I support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

THE SENATE
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THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

GM 510:

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In support without reservation to confirm Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

My name is Jennifer Egami and I am the Departmental Human Resources Officer (DHRO) for the newly created Department of Law Enforcement. I am testifying in favor of Jordan Lowe's confirmation as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

I have had the privilege and honor of working with Mr. Jordan Lowe during his time with the Department of Taxation as the Criminal Investigation Supervisor, where he led this section of the department in dealing with difficult criminal tax cases. During his tenure at the Department of Taxation, I worked with Mr. Lowe on a reorganization to merge the Criminal Investigation section with the Special Enforcement section to create a stronger enforcement team for the department, specifically criminal tax cases. It was very easy to work on the re-organization with Mr. Lowe as he prepared the proposed reorganization memo, job descriptions and functional statements for this new section as he has extensive experience in federal and state law enforcement.

Currently, I also have the privilege and honor of working under Mr. Lowe's leadership in creating the newly created Department of Law Enforcement. I was initially brought on by Mr. Lowe to serve on the transition team as the Transitional Human Resources Officer. Under Mr. Lowe's leadership, he has helped the team achieve its goals in creating the core of the department, providing guidance in the transition process to bring in positions from the other departments and most importantly providing support to all team members so each of us can independently work on our goals and objectives. As a leader, Mr. Lowe possess the qualities of a good leader. He has credibility (team members trust his words and actions and putting the needs of the team before his own), exhibits humility (he doesn't take credit for others' work but focuses more on the team members' growth and development), empowers the team (gives the team a set of guidelines to work in and leave us alone to do our work), is authentic (he speaks and acts from the core of who he is), and speaks in a constant and consistent way

(communication from him is clear and predictable which builds the team's trust and reduces stress in the workplace).

I am confident in Mr. Lowe's ability to provide effective leadership for the newly created State Law Enforcement Department during these critical times and I believe he will serve the Department and our state well. Therefore, it is without reservation, that Mr. Lowe's decades of experience in federal and state law enforcement should segue into his confirmation as the Director of the Hawaii State Law Enforcement Department.

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In support without reservation to confirm Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

My name is Heidi Li and I am the Transition Human Resources Specialist for Department of Law Enforcement. I am testifying in favor of Jordan Lowe's confirmation as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

I first met Mr. Lowe in 2018 when I started with the Department of Taxation as a Human Resources Assistant. I was tasked with implementing and coordinating a live Active Shooter Training with the assistance of Mr. Lowe. I was fortunate and privileged to have worked with him on this project to provide a seamless and efficient training for all employees of Taxation. His professionalism, guidance, and willingness to help is something I will never forget.

Since June of 2022, I have been working under Mr. Lowe's leadership to assist with creating the Department of Law Enforcement. Under his leadership, he has helped guide the team to create the core of the department and help me have a better understanding of the law enforcement realm. Mr. Lowe possess the qualities of great leader. He has garnered credibility, displays compassion and humility, and motivates his staff to be the best they can be their personal and professional life.

Consequently, I am confident in Mr. Lowe's ability to lead the newly created Department of Law Enforcement during these critical times, and I strongly believe he will serve the Department and our public well. Thus, it is without reservation that Mr. Lowe's abundant experience in federal, state, and county law enforcement should transition into his confirmation as the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Law Enforcement.

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Submitted on: 3/6/2023 2:15:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Darryl Ng	Testifying for Sheriff	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in STRONG support for your consideration and positive confirmation for Jordan Lowe as the Director for the Department of Law Enforcement. I am a Deputy Sheriff with over twenty years of experience on the law enforcement side in addition to fifteen years in corrections, I have seen many Directors for Public Safety come and go. I can honestly say that this is the best man for the new job at hand, he has been instrumental with getting our new Department created as the former Deputy Director of Public Safety.

I have had the privilege to work alongside Mr. Lowe while he was the SAC for the bureau of ATF while assigned to the USMS Fugitive Task Force. Mr. Lowe showed great leadership and the ability to work well with other agencies in support of common public safety goals. Since he has transitioned over to the State side of Law Enforcement, he has provided immense professional guidance and continues to build the foundation of our new Department.

Respectfully,

Deputy Sheriff LT. Darryl Ng

Commander Special Operations Section

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 510
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
JORDAN LOWE

PRESENTATION TO
THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

FRANK J. PACE, ADMINISTRATOR
HAWAI'I OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

MARCH 6, 2023

Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair Brandon J.C. Elefante, and Members of the Committee.

I respectfully request your **SUPPORT** in confirming the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Jordan Lowe to serve as Director of the State of Hawai'i, Department of Law Enforcement.

I have had the privilege of serving with Mr. Lowe in my capacity as the Administrator for the Hawai'i Office of Homeland Security and have found him to be an exceptional leader, and more importantly, an exceptional person with high moral character and integrity. Mr. Lowe has a proven reputation for building cohesive partnerships across county, state, and federal organizations, ensuring cohesive inter-agency operations. Over the last year, I have witnessed these attributes during the planning and establishment of the Department of Law Enforcement under his charge. He is a proven cabinet-level executive with demonstrated capacity, and leadership to effectively serve and lead at the most senior levels of Hawai'i state government.

His previous experience and leadership include serving as Deputy Director of Law Enforcement for the Department of Public Safety. In that capacity, he had investigative and administrative oversight of the Sheriff and Narcotics Enforcement Divisions and was instrumental in developing the framework for the establishment of the new Department of Law Enforcement. Additionally, Mr. Lowe has served the communities of Hawai'i as both a senior-level state employee and as an accomplished federal law enforcement executive, with over 30 years of federal service.

Thank you for your consideration and this opportunity in allowing me to testify on Governor's Message 510 in **SUPPORT** of Jordan Lowe.

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JORDAN LOWE

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BY

KEVIN L. BAGGS, DIRECTOR
HAWAI'I STATE FUSION CENTER

MARCH 8, 2023

Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair Brandon J.C. Elefante, and Members of the Committee.

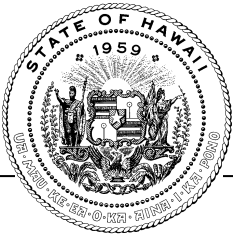
I respectfully request your **SUPPORT** in confirming the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Jordan Lowe to serve as Director of the State of Hawai'i, Department of Law Enforcement.

Mr. Lowe has over 40 years of Law enforcement experience in federal and state and local capacities and this broad range of experience makes him uniquely qualified for this position. Mr. Lowe has served in his current role as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement since 2020 and has built the foundation to an agency that will serve the residents of Hawaii very well in its mission to enhance public safety.

I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Lowe and the Department of Law Enforcement in my current role as the Director of the Hawaii State Fusion Center and truly feel his leadership, experience and credentials make him an outstanding fit to lead this department.

It is without hesitation that I offer my support to Mr. Lowe and his appointment to served as Director of Law Enforcement.

Thank you for your consideration and this opportunity in allowing me to testify on Governor's Message 510 in **SUPPORT** of Jordan Lowe.



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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of
GM 510

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Law
Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, JORDAN LOWE, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Jordan Lowe to serve as the Director,
Department of Law Enforcement.

Mr. Lowe has the expertise, skills, and knowledge, as demonstrated by his resume, to stand up and lead the new Department of Law Enforcement. As Deputy Director for Law Enforcement, Mr. Lowe was critical to developing the framework for the new Department. He understands the role and responsibilities of the divisions and has the administrative skill to establish policies and procedures for the Department's long-term operational well-being. Having travelled with the Sheriff Executive Protection Team on a number of occasions, I have observed Mr. Lowe's leadership in the high degree of professionalism that the EP Team displays.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for Mr. Lowe's confirmation as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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STATE OF HAWAII
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
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March 8, 2023

To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Committee

Date: March 8, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 16 & Videoconference, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. 510; Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director,
Department of Law Enforcement, JORDAN LOWE, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.**

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations **strongly supports** the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

Mr. Lowe has received dozens of awards and commendations for his exemplary performance in past service work dating back to 1979 and has continued setting high standards of law enforcement at the DLE. His experience as Chief Investigator at the Department of Prosecuting Attorney prepared him well as he supervised and managed the investigative and administrative activities of three groups of investigators, a cadre of process servers, and legal clerks that supported Deputy Prosecutors in perfecting their criminal cases for trial and conducting special criminal investigations.

From 2020, Mr. Lowe managed the law enforcement and security programs for the Department of Public Safety (PSD) and provided investigative and administrative oversight for the Sheriff Division and the Narcotics Enforcement Division as the PSD Deputy Director. He was instrumental in developing the framework for the establishment of the new DLE for the State of Hawaii. Thus, the position of Director at the DLE is the perfect fit for the next step in his storied career.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 510.

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March 8, 2023

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Before the Senate Committee on
PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

In consideration of Governor's Message 510
**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JORDAN LOWE
FOR DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Honorable Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

I submit this testimony in strong support of Jordan Lowe as Director of the newly created Department of Law Enforcement.

We first met more than 25 years ago when Jordan was a Senior Special Agent for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and I was the U.S. Attorney for the District of Hawai'i. Jordan enjoyed an excellent reputation as an agent and a supervisor and worked closely with the U.S. Attorney's Office on many successful prosecutions. More recently, I was pleased to see Jordan had been hired as the Chief Investigator at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney and was in that position when I was elected Prosecuting Attorney.

I had hoped to keep Jordan as my Chief Investigator. However, he left the city for the opportunity to serve the entire state as Deputy Director of the Department of Public Safety.

I have always respected Jordan's work and he is universally respected in the Hawaii law enforcement community. I believe his experience, commitment, and familiarity with the law enforcement community make him the right choice to lead the Department of Law Enforcement and I look forward to working with him in that role.

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**THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawai'i**

March 8, 2023

RE: G.M. 510; RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Elefante and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, my name is Thomas Brady and I am the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu, writing in **strong support** of G.M. 510 and the nomination of Jordan Lowe as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

As a former Assistant U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office, my first contact with Mr. Lowe was in his capacity as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF). For over twenty (20) years, Jordan Lowe was the case agent for many of my federal prosecutions, including the Pali Golf Course Shootings case that was successfully tried in 2009. Jordan Lowe was the consummate federal investigator – smart, professional, amicable and tenacious.

The same skill sets that made Jordan Lowe a very good federal investigator will make him a very good Director of Law Enforcement. His leadership, critical thinking, adaptability, self-discipline, communication, and relationship building skills will serve him well as the Director of Law Enforcement. Indeed, Jordan Lowe not only commands respect throughout the law enforcement community, but also with criminals, as he has the admirable reputation of treating everyone with respect, dignity, and fairness.

Jordan Lowe has the intellect, temperament, and discipline to tackle the challenges that he will face as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement, and will do so with grace and a smile.

For the foregoing reasons, I am in **strong support** of G.M. 510. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

THE SENATE
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2026.

Good Afternoon Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the Committee.

I am R. Doug Aton, DBA RD Aton Enterprises, LLC, I have been a planning consultant for the Hawaii State Department of Law Enforcement, retired from the US Postal Inspection Service as the Homeland Security Coordinator and Emergency Services Manager for the Honolulu District and Pacific Basin, for the Hawaii Tourism Agency hosting of the Asian Development Bank meeting of 2001, as the former administrator, Honolulu Department of Emergency Management, more recently as the Security Chief for the 2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress and as a former Assistant Police Chief of the Honolulu Police Department. I have had the privilege and honor of working with Mr. Jordan Lowe during my tenures as a police officer, Emergency Management contractor and as Security director for both controversial conferences ... the ADB meeting and the IUCN WCC conferences, in which anti-globalization protestors planned to disrupt the objectives of both events. Mr. Lowe provided much assistance in providing his expertise during some of HPD's complex financial investigations. As his career continued to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives he again provided myself his much needed expertise as a Certified Explosives Specialist being instrumental in providing the much needed expertise and resources in securing the Hawaii Convention Center during both controversial meetings and conferences.

It is without reservation, therefore, that Mr. Lowe's decades of experience in federal and state law enforcement should segue into his being confirmed as the Director of the Hawaii State Law Enforcement Department. I am confident in his ability to provide effective leadership for the newly created State Law Enforcement Department during these critical times, and I believe he will serve the department and our state well.

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February 22, 2023

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Hawaii State Capitol, Rooms 407, 217
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Re: **GM 510 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, JORDAN LOWE, for a term to expire 12-07-2026**

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Elefante, and Honorable Committee members:

I serve as the President of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (“SHOPO”) and write to you on behalf of our Union in **strong support** of GM 510 relating to the nomination of Jordan Lowe to continue as the Director of the newly created Department of Law Enforcement. It is without reservation that we strongly support this nominee who has extensive and in-depth law enforcement experience, possesses the highest degree of integrity, expansive legal knowledge, and exhibits a sincere dedication to lead the Department of Law Enforcement.

As you may know, Mr. Lowe, who holds a degree in accounting, has been involved in law enforcement for over 40 years and has been recognized during his distinguished career for his outstanding service and achievements with prestigious awards (FBI’s Director’s Award, DEA Awards, ATF Superior Performance Awards, ATF Special Act Awards, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Awards, Federal Officer of the Year Award, International Narcotics Officers Association Award) and multiple commendations. Throughout his career, Mr. Lowe has served in various supervisory, management and investigative field capacities with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the State of Hawaii’s Department of Taxation, and the City & County of Honolulu’s Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, all of which makes him uniquely qualified for this complex position of leadership over our state’s law enforcement agencies. Mr. Lowe has extensive experience organizing and managing

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The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
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Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
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Re: **GM 510 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director,
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investigative and administrative activities, serving as the On Scene Commander and Crisis Negotiator leader for the ATF, formulating and managing budgets, supervising undercover operations, the execution of arrest and search warrants, and the disposal of highly explosive materials. He has also served on the U.S. Department of Defense Joint Inter-Agency Task Force and as an Executive Board member on the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. His law enforcement experience and background has involved him in many complex and highly sensitive criminal investigations related to criminal enterprises at the county, state, federal and international levels. Mr. Lowe enjoys a well-earned reputation as an exceptional leader in the law enforcement community who leads by example, works tirelessly, promotes and fosters collaboration the various law enforcement entities at the county, state and federal levels, and is quick to heap praise on others while deflecting credit from himself. He is ethical, genuine in his approach, a good listener, highly organized, invites and welcomes various perspectives to be shared with him, and carefully considers options before acting. Mr. Lowe is a thoughtful, balanced, and even keeled leader.

As for this relatively new department, Mr. Lowe has served as its Director since November 2022, and has gone above and beyond to get this new department up and running. He was able to get the department operational in a short period of time with a solid foundation, skilled staff, and advanced technology. His leadership has made an immediate impact as he continues to make great strides in bringing the various state and county law enforcement entities together.

Mr. Lowe's unparalleled leadership will be a consistent and tremendous asset as we collectively work to resolve issues relating to law enforcement and public safety throughout the state. It is therefore with great respect and honor that we support Mr. Lowe's nomination to the position of Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

We thank you for allowing us to be heard and hope your committee will unanimously support Mr. Lowe's nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT "BOBBY" CAVACO
SHOPO President



February 14, 2023

My name is Gary Yabuta, and I am the Executive Director of the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)—a grant-funded program of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President. The Hawaii HIDTA supports drug interdiction and demand reduction strategies by developing collaborative federal, state, and local enforcement task forces and prevention programs throughout the Hawaii, including the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii County, Maui County, and Kauai County. With HIDTA funding, resources, analytical support and training, the HIDTA program serves as a force-multiplier in statewide, interstate, and international narcotic interdiction operatives.

Prior to my appointment as the Executive Director of Hawaii HIDTA in 2014, I was Chief of Police for the Maui Police Department. I also served as the Chair for the Hawaii Law Enforcement Officer Independent Review Board, which examined all law enforcement deadly force incidents in Hawaii. In all, I have over 44 years of criminal justice experience.

I support the confirmation of Jordan Lowe for the position of Director, Department of Law Enforcement—a newly created state endeavor that will require astute leadership, experience and dedication. Jordan Lowe, in my opinion, fits this criteria and his knowledge of Hawaii's federal, state, and local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies will synergize the state's efforts to provide public safety necessary to combat all hazards and complex crime threats that occur locally, or with transnational and international ties.

My confidence in Jordan Lowe is based on a 25-year working relationship that exists to this day. Mr. Lowe was a Resident Agent in Charge and Special Agent for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) when he fully engaged with the Maui Police Department in the Project Safe Neighborhood operative. The end result was the enabling of federal enhancement charges for crimes associated with firearms.

When Jordan Lowe was the leader of the ATF in Hawaii and I was Chief of Police, we both served together on the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Executive Board until my retirement from the Maui Police Department. (Upon my retirement I immediately began my duties as the Executive Director for the Hawaii HIDTA.) We engaged in some of the most critical decision-making actions necessary to sustain the Hawaii HIDTA program, which was under review by the Office of National Drug Control Policy for funding mismanagement.

Under Mr. Lowe's current position as the interim Director for the Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement, he is once again a member of the Hawaii HIDTA Executive Board.

I truly believe in Jordan Lowe and I know of no other person worthy of the position of Director, Department of Law Enforcement. He has brought this concept into a real-time endeavor thus far, and he deserves to have an opportunity to further lead and guide this department for operational success.

GM-510

Submitted on: 2/23/2023 7:52:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

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Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Anderson Hee and I am a retired Honolulu Police Lieutenant, former Supervisory Special Agent for the Dept. of the Attorney General, and current businessman in Honolulu. I have known and worked with Mr. Jordan Lowe for over 30 years. He is a man a much integrity and highly trained and skilled in law enforcement and management. As the past Special Agent in Charge of the ATF in Honolulu, Mr. Lowe worked with all agencies in the State of Hawaii and maintained his relationship with the organizations. It is my opinion that he is the perfect choice to lead the new Department of Law Enforcement.

Sincerely,

Anderson Hee

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Submitted on: 2/23/2023 5:32:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wesley Wong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a retired Honolulu Police Department (HPD) captain and retired Department of Justice analyst. In my time with the HPD, I've had numerous occasions where I participated in joint investigations with retired ATF Resident Agent in Charge Jordan Lowe. Mr. Lowe has been an active and experienced federal agent and was cross-designated with the HPD during the Asian Development Bank event. With his knowledge, experience and leadership, he has led investigations with various task forces such as the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force or OCDETF. He has made arrests and had successful prosecutions for programs such as Project Safe Neighborhood which has made the entire state a little more secure by removing firearms from persons convicted of felonies, drug use/possession, and domestic violence.

As a person, I know him to be a dedicated family man with high integrity and morals.

His leadership will be integral in getting the accreditation for the Department of Law enforcement. His relationships with law enforcement agencies at the federal, state, and county level is an asset and I know other law enforcement agencies will work very well with him and the Department of Law Enforcement.

I fully support the confirmation of Jordan Lowe for the position of Director for the Department of Law Enforcement.

February 23, 2023

To whom it may concern:

This letter is written to provide my testimonial and recommendation for Mr. Jordan Lowe for the State of Hawaii Director for Law Enforcement, (GM510) position.

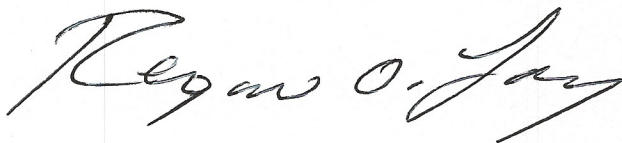
Mr. Lowe is a law enforcement professional who has an unparalleled character with the highest of integrity.

As a retired Federal Law Enforcement Special Agent in Charge with the Department of Homeland Security – Transportation Security Administration with 30 years of experience, I worked with many of our nation's finest leaders. I also had the honor and privilege of protecting four (4) U.S. Presidents as well as many other dignitaries during my government service. I only say this because Mr. Lowe is one of the top leaders I have ever worked with and has my utmost respect.

He is articulate, hardworking, and most of all, compassionate towards those he serves. He is a dedicated individual with strong skills in leadership, management, and expertise in all facets of law enforcement and specifically in the State of Hawaii serving about 35 years. You will not find another individual that has more integrity, commitment, and loyalty than Mr. Lowe.

Mr. Jordan Lowe has my recommendation to be the new State of Hawaii Director for Law Enforcement.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Regan O. Fong". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Regan O. Fong

Name: Eric Lalau
Position: Investigator (Airport)
Date: February 23, 2023
Subject: Written Testimony (On-line) in Support of GM510

Dear Honorable Committee members, my name is Eric Lalau. I am a new Investigator working out of the airport location. I retired from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) in 2020 with over thirty (30) years of service. I have never worked directly with Jordan Lowe (hereinafter "Mr. Lowe") in HPD, but I am aware of his background as an ATF Agent and his assistance with HPD's investigations regarding drugs and firearms related cases. Mr. Lowe has worked with HPD's Crime Reduction Units (CRU), Narco-Vice Drug Task Force and Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU). Mr. Lowe is a hard-working, knowledgeable and dedicated professional.

I conducted my own research of Mr. Lowe and discovered that he has over forty (40) years of Law Enforcement experience and has been recognized for his outstanding service and achievements with awards including ATF Special Act Awards, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Awards and Federal Officer of the Year Award. In addition, Mr. Lowe has served with the State of Hawaii's Department of Taxation, and the City & County of Honolulu's Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

Mr. Lowe's professional background and experience qualifies him as the ideal person to develop and lead the newly formed Department of Law Enforcement. Personally, I am proud and honored to work under the direction of Mr. Lowe, and I am confident that Mr. Lowe will bring respect and integrity the Department of Law Enforcement and the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo, Eric Lalau (Investigator)

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Submitted on: 2/24/2023 11:10:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Kamita	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

1. Name is Keith Kamita, I retired in 2015 as the Chief special Agent of the Narcotics Enforcement Division and ex-Deputy Director of Law enforcement for the Department of Public Safety. I have known and worked with Mr. Jordon Lowe since 1987 while he was a Special Agent with ATF and through the years have seen him grow in his position with ATF and later became the Chief Resident Agent in Charge of the Honolulu Office field office. Mr. Lowe retired from Federal Service in 2012, work in various supervisory positions with the State, later became the Deputy Director for Law enforcement at Public Safety. Mr. Lowe is a capable and honest individual and I give my highest recommendation for the position of Director of Law Enforcement Department. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Jordan Lowe Testimonial

My name is Tiffany Nakashima. I am a first grade teacher at a Honolulu public school. Although I have not worked under Jordan's leadership, he has been a family friend for the past few decades. When I first met Jordan, he worked for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms. and Explosives. Over the past few years, I have met many ATF agents who worked for or with Jordan. All of them expressed that Jordan provided excellent leadership, has a wealth of knowledge in law enforcement, and was able to make difficult decisions. All of these characteristics are ones that are needed for the Director for the Department of Law Enforcement.

On a personal note, I have turned to Jordan for his knowledge, decision making abilities, and his integrity. A few years ago as I was walking along the streets of Kakaako, I stumbled upon an extraordinary bundle of cash held together by a simple rubber band. Unsurprisingly, there was no identification, and none of my neighbors had lost any money recently. Not knowing what to do in this circumstance, I called Jordan to see what agency I should contact. Jordan immediately told me to call HPD, make a claim, and hand over the cash to the police department. This was a prime example of Jordan's integrity and professionalism. Many would have told me to pocket the cash, for one would ever know. Being the honest and upright citizen that Jordan is, he directed me to the appropriate channels. Although this is only a single incident, that represents how Jordan is able to lead others in the right direction and do the right thing.

Another attribute that I admire about Jordan is that he keeps all business matters confidential. In all of his positions, Jordan was privy to a lot of information that the public would have wanted to know. In all our communications, Jordan has been very professional, and has kept his business dealings separate from his personal life. I would expect someone in his position to act in such a manner. Hawaii is such a small place where many engage in unnecessary gossip. Unlike others, Jordan always takes his positions with respect, honor, and dignity.

The most important reason that I think Jordan would be the best candidate for Director of Law Enforcement is my confidence and trust in Jordan to increase public safety. In today's world, mass shootings have unfortunately become quite frequent. As a first grade teacher, I represent the students and teachers of Hawaii. We need our schools to continue to be a safe place for our keiki. As the Director, Jordan would continue to take his role seriously by taking all necessary precautions, communicate effectively with all other departments, and be sure to have the necessary training for all law enforcement officials.

It is with utmost confidence that I can unequivocally recommend Jordan Lowe for the position of Director for the Department of Law Enforcement. We need someone who has the interpersonal skills to work with members of the community, make difficult decisions, and bring different departments together in solidarity. Thank you for taking my humble opinion into consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2023 9:04:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas K Cayetano III	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Mr. Wakai & fellow members of this honorable body;

My name is Thomas K Cayetano. I am submitting this written testimony to your honorable committee regarding the confirmation process of Governor Green's At Will Appointee Jordon Lowe. Before moving forward to my request, Please allow me to share a few things; First, I have been a sworn State Deputy Sheriff since December of 1983. I became a full-time civil servant in February 1986. During my career, I have experienced the following; (6) Governor's, (3) Supreme Court Chief Justice's, Numerous (At Will Appointment's via Governor/Legislative Process) Director's, Deputy Director's, Sheriff and Undersheriff/First Deputy administrative personnel. Throughout this "35," plus years of being a "Public servant," I have NEVER submitted any written form or verbal testimony regarding any potential gubernatorial appointee. However, I am doing so because "Jordon Lowe," is and would be the best and proper individual to lead and administer this newly created organization. I know Jordon's ethical, philosophical and moral values as well as his administrative leadership skills will ensure the integrity, norms and laws of the land to be adhered to. Additionally, I have worked "hand in hand," with Jordon through various investigative means (Safe Streets initiative, HIDTA, OCDETF,) State Tax Office investigations, & Honorary Prosecution cases. Lastly, Jordon's "Respect," among his peers within the Federal, State and local levels of government is extremely "High," and second to none. He is the best fit and sole person to lead, administer and guide the organization during its infancy.

"Mahalo," for allowing me this privilege and opportunity in submitting this written testimony.

February 26, 2023

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

RE: GM510-Confirmation of Jordan Lowe, Director for the Department of Law Enforcement

Dear Senators and Members of the Committee,

I submit my written testimony in strong support for the confirmation of Jordan Lowe for the position of Director, Department of Law Enforcement, State of Hawaii.

As background, I am a retired federal law enforcement officer and have known Mr. Lowe for approximately 28 years. I know Mr. Lowe as a hard working and dedicated public servant who is a highly effective leader with the necessary skills and experience to lead the newly formed Department of Law Enforcement. Mr. Lowe is a proven law enforcement professional who is able to lead and motivate all those he comes into contact with. He is trustworthy, honest and highly ethical. In addition, Mr. Lowe is fair, reasonable, and a great communicator.

Mr. Lowe's commitment to serve the community and the state will ensure he will be successful in this role.

In closing, I respectfully urge the Committee to recommend confirmation of Mr. Lowe for the position of Director, Department of Law Enforcement and endorse Mr. Lowe without any reservation. He is the ideal leader for this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony in support of Mr. Lowe.

Wade Muraoka
Mililani, Hawaii

GM-510

Submitted on: 2/26/2023 2:55:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maria Zielinski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Jordan Lowe as Director for the Department of Law Enforcement. Jordan served as chief of the Criminal Investigation section of the Department of Taxation from 2015 through my tenure in late 2017. During that period Jordan successfully handled several criminal cases which resulted in tax revenue for the State and public awareness that criminal acts relating to tax evasion were prosecuted.

Jordan is an excellent manager and leader. His team was supportive, loyal and motivated to do their jobs. The State will be well served with Jordan filling this role as Director of Law Enforcement.

Sincerely,

Maria Zielnski

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Submitted on: 2/27/2023 8:13:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Al	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support GM 510 confirming Jordan Lowe as the Department of Law Enforcement Director. Jordan Lowe is the right person to lead the State of Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement.

I have known Jordan Lowe for over thirty years. He has been a colleague, friend, and mentor. With over thirty-five years of law enforcement and command leadership experience, Jordan understands the mission, vision, and goal. But, more significantly, he empowers team members he works with to ensure the success of any organization's mission, such as the one he would lead.

As a veteran Police Detective of many years, Jordan taught me that outstanding leadership can't be taught but can only be learned through patients and practice. Jordan Lowe gives people the tools to succeed, complete their mission and become great leaders.

I have never known Jordan to undertake anything he didn't believe in. He understands the responsibility for success and failure rests with him. Unlike many, Jordan acknowledges mistakes, admits failures, and never puts himself above the team or the mission.

Jordan has taught me a leader can pass on their understanding and belief in a goal or mission to the frontline troops only if they believe it first. Jordan knows the task ahead and would spearhead the corroborative effort between Federal, State, and County law enforcement agencies to establish a culture of transparency and accountability. Build public trust and legitimacy in the communities they serve.

Undoubtedly, Governor Green made the right choice and the best choice in appointing Jordan Lowe as the State of Hawaii Director of Law Enforcement.

This is why I fully support the confirmation of Jordan Lowe for the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement and the swift passage of GM 510.

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Testimony on Governor's Message 510
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director, Department of Law
Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee Jordan Lowe

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 8, 2023; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in my personal capacity in strong support of the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). I have worked with Mr. Lowe in his capacity as the Deputy Director for Law Enforcement for the Department of Public Safety since November 2020, and I found him to be well-informed, thoughtful, and very experienced.

Mr. Lowe has served both in the federal and state governments as a public servant in various investigative and law enforcement capacities for over 40 years, which attributes to his prerequisite skills and well-honed leadership abilities that are assets required of a director to lead DLE.

Mr. Lowe's dedication to public service and decades of experience in Law Enforcement will be great assets to the Department of Law Enforcement and to the State. Given his intelligence, decades of experience, decision-making ability and diligence, I believe he is the appropriate person to head the Department of Law Enforcement.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of GM510 and the confirmation of Jordan Lowe.

Sincerely,
Patricia MQ Aguilar

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Testimony on Governor's Message 510
Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement,
Jordan Lowe

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 8, 2023; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

It is with great honor that I submit testimony in support of Jordan Lowe for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the newly established Department of Law Enforcement ("Department"). Mr. Lowe possesses the educational background and professional work experience to effectively lead the Department. Because the Department will be merging various law enforcement assets and basically starting from "scratch," the agency head must be trustworthy, task-oriented, professional and committed to the mission of the Department, especially during its formative years. Mr. Lowe exemplifies all these qualities and more. He is hard-working, dedicated, fair, and displays the utmost integrity, which are essential qualities to effective leadership.

During the brief time that I have known Mr. Lowe, I find him to be open, honest and of impeccable character. He treats his colleagues, staff, and members of the public with dignity, respect and fairness. He is a transformational leader and I have no doubt that he will successfully lead the Department charged with upholding the law and protecting the citizens of our great state.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of GM510 and the confirmation of Jordan Lowe.

Sincerely,
Melanie Martin

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY re: GM510 Jordan Lowe

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in my personal capacity in **strong support** of Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. I would like to respectfully request for your support and recommend confirmation of Jordan Lowe.

I have had the opportunity to work under various leaders in my 32 years with the State of Hawai'i. I have been fortunate to serve as Mr. Lowe's secretary in his capacity as the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement for the Department of Public Safety (PSD) and currently, as his secretary in his capacity as Interim Director for the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

Mr. Lowe has served both in the federal and state governments as a public servant in various investigative and law enforcement capacities for over 40 years. He has used his past experience and training in his decision making with PSD and DLE. He has the respect of everyone he interacts with because of his truth, integrity, and genuine interest in the well-being of everyone. He exemplifies what a true leader should be.

Mr. Lowe's dedication to public service and decades of experience has given him the tools and knowledge used during the planning of this unprecedented establishment of the new department. He focuses on all aspects of what is required for each division to operate at its highest level of effectiveness and professionalism. He collaborates his ideas and vision with subject matter experts and the DLE transition team to plan for a successful fruition.

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony in support of GM510 and the confirmation of Jordan Lowe.

Mahalo,



Kathy Moriyama

kkmoriyama001@gmail.com

February 27, 2023

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Re: GM510, Confirmation of Jordan Lowe for Director, Department of Law
Enforcement

Dear Senators and Members of the Committee:

I submit this written testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Jordan Lowe for the position of Director of the newly established Department of Law Enforcement, State of Hawaii.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Lowe in a professional capacity for nearly 30 years. As a Special Agent and Resident Agent in Charge of his federal agency and later in his state office, I have found Mr. Lowe to be highly effective in pursuing and achieving the mission of his organization and in bringing positive changes to his workplace and department. His knowledge, expertise and fairness in managing his staff naturally elicits respect, cooperation and motivation from his staff and even those outside of his command. In addition, as a highly regarded and experienced federal agent, Mr. Lowe has developed strong relationships in the law enforcement community which will undoubtedly help build the department into a major law enforcement partner. Additionally, on a personal level, I have found Mr. Lowe to be honest, straight forward, very easy to get along with, and highly ethical.

I believe that Mr. Lowe is the ideal candidate to develop the Department of Law Enforcement into a model department highly effective in carrying out its very important function and with great integrity. I urge the Committee to recommend confirmation of Mr. Lowe for the position of Director, Department of Law Enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Dean Tsukada
Honolulu, Hawaii



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February 27, 2023

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

Aloha Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

In accordance with Article V, Section 6 of the Hawaii State Constitution, I would like to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination:

**Jordan Lowe
Director, Department of Law Enforcement
Expiration Date: Noon on December 7, 2026**

Thank you,

**Eren Kamiyama LMFT, CSAC
Care Hawaii Chief of Operations**

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/1/2023 10:35:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Yuen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mark Yuen and I support Mr. Jordan Lowe's nomination as Director of Law Enforcement for the State of Hawaii. As a deputy prosecuting attorney with the City and County of Honolulu, I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Lowe for approximately one year while he served as the chief of our investigation and services division. As the Screening and Intake chief, I worked closely with Mr. Lowe and saw his work product first hand. Mr. Lowe was very professional and always understood the challenges that our deputies had with investigations and in dealing with witnesses. He accommodated many of my requests and always had an open door policy to listen to my concerns.

On a personal level, I got to know Mr. Lowe fairly well during his time in our office and I found him to be very personable and engaging. Even after he left our office, Mr. Lowe took my calls to answer questions that I had for him regarding his expertise even though he did not have to do so.

In short, Mr. Lowe's impressive credentials obviously speak for themselves. However, as a person who interacted with Mr. Lowe frequently, I can personally vouch for his work ethic, high competence and professionalism. As a result, I highly recommend Mr. Lowe for the job as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Thank you so much for allowing me to submit this written testimony.

Mark Yuen

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March 1, 2023

Hawaii State Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Hawaii State Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
The Senate
Hawaii State Capitol

Date and Time of Hearing:
March 8, 2023
3:00pm
Conference Room 225

Subject: **Governor's Message No. 510**
Relating to the Appointment of Jordan Lowe
as Director for the Department of Law Enforcement

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

Please accept this letter of testimony in support of the appointment of Mr. Jordan Lowe as Director for the Department of Law Enforcement ("DLE").

In section 1 of House Bill 2171 HD2 SD1 CD1 (2022) (hereinafter, "Act 278") the Hawaii State Legislature authored the following:

"SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:

- (1) Establish a new department of law enforcement to consolidate and administer the criminal law enforcement and investigations functions of the department of transportation, certain investigations functions of the department of the attorney general, functions of the office of homeland security, and current law enforcement and investigation functions of the department of public safety; ..."*

Additionally, in detailing the goals of the department in Act 278, the Hawaii State Legislature lists the following priorities:

- "...
- (1) Establishing a partnership with the federal Joint Terrorism Task Force to protect the State from domestic and foreign threats;*
 - (2) Eliminating the narcotics epidemic that plagues Hawaii's communities through its commitment of investigators in the federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task forces;*
 - (3) Expanding the narcotics canine program; and,*

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Hawaii State Senator Brandon J. C. Elefante, Vice Chair
March 1, 2023
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(4) *Reducing gun violence and other violent criminal acts in island communities through participation in the federal Project Safe Neighborhoods program.”*

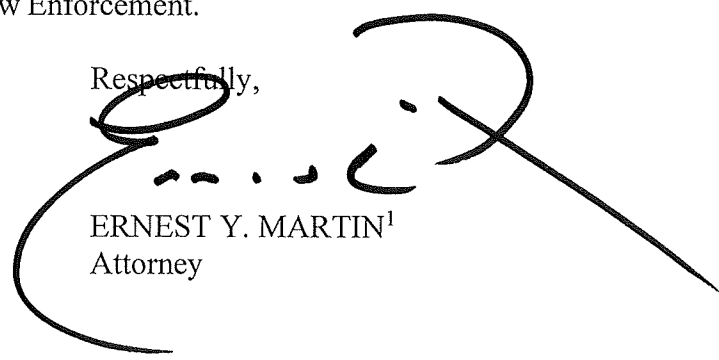
As you will undoubtedly discover yourselves from Mr. Lowe’s resume and from other in-person and written testimonies, it would be extremely difficult to find someone who has had a more distinguished career in law enforcement at all levels of government, federal, state and county, but more importantly, someone who has participated in leadership positions in most, if not all, of the priority subject areas that are detailed in Act 278 for the Department of Law Enforcement.

Furthermore, given his level of experience as well as his role in working with the 2022 Hawaii State Legislature in crafting the framework for the establishment of the Department of Law Enforcement, it would seem that the selection of Jordan Lowe to serve as its Director during this period of transition and consolidation of law enforcement responsibilities would be in the best interests of the State of Hawaii.

On a personal note, having served in both the executive and legislative branches of government myself, I have always had great admiration and appreciation for those individuals who have accepted the “call to serve” through public service appointments, in particular, those individuals that already are involved in challenging professional and personal endeavors.

In closing, knowing Jordan Lowe as well as I do, I am pleased that he has offered himself for service to our State and respectfully ask for your favorable consideration on his nomination as Director for the Department of Law Enforcement.

Respectfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernest Y. Martin', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ERNEST Y. MARTIN¹
Attorney

¹ Chair and Presiding Officer (2011-2016, 2018)
Honolulu City Council

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Submitted on: 3/1/2023 6:34:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Max Otani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee Members,

I am the former director of the Department of Public Safety and submitting this testimony in strong support for Jordan Lowe. Jordan served as deputy director of law enforcement during my term as director. It will be difficult to find someone in law enforcement with the qualifications and experience Jordan brings to the table. I have witnessed his ability to work cooperatively with other law enforcement partners at the federal, state, and county levels to achieve positive outcomes.

During the last legislative session, Jordan served as the point person in the creation of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). He took the concept of a state police force, utilized his expertise in drafting the bill, and worked to gain acceptance by the legislature. Given the mandate to have the DLE fully functional within a year, we will need a director that is fully aware of the needs of this new department to ensure a smooth transition when law enforcement officers from various state agencies merge under one department.

Jordan is the right person for this job and I ask for your support in his confirmation.

Thank you

Max Otani

TESTIMONY OF GARY H. YAMASHIROYA

TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

GM 510, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, JORDAN LOWE, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2023
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 225

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

This testimony is submitted in **strong support** of Jordan Lowe for Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

I got to know Jordan Lowe when I was the Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Department of the Attorney General (“ATG”) and he was the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement in the Department of Public Safety (“PSD”). We were tasked, along with several vital members of ATG and PSD, to craft the legislation and generate the plan to create the Department of Law Enforcement (“DLE”). Jordan was the lead for PSD and was integral in getting the DLE to where it is today.

Once completed, Jordan adeptly guided the bill through the legislative process, meeting with stakeholders and effectively communicating with key partners. It is no doubt that his high reputation within the law enforcement community and with state leadership contributed to the credibility to this endeavor, which resulted in the passing of the bill to become Act 278 S.L.H. 2022 (“Act 278”).

Once Act 278 was passed, Jordan didn’t hesitate and, despite the abbreviated timeline, he immediately put together a team of knowledgeable and reputable professionals to start on the implementation process. He and his team not only executed his vision of the broad goals for DLE, but also the fine details such as the budget, personnel, equipment, policies, etc.

As one of the “founding fathers” of DLE, Jordan is thoroughly knowledgeable about what it will take to fully implement the plan and have the Department functioning on January 1, 2024, the deadline for the confluence of all working parts into one entity.

If confirmed, Jordan won't need to hit the ground running, he is currently sprinting with the ball toward the goal line.

I don't provide my testimony as a layperson, but someone with a fair amount of familiarity in law enforcement. As a retired police officer with command experience and as a former member of the Hawai'i Law Enforcement Standards Board, I observed first-hand the attributes needed to be an effective and devoted law enforcement leader. Jordan Lowe has such attributes, and it is for these reasons I believe he is the best person to lead the DLE and why I strongly support his nomination to the position of Director.

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Submitted on: 3/2/2023 12:50:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanamu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT, JORDAN LOWE - DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Aloha All,

Throughout my almost 31 years of law enforcement on the state and federal level I have been fortunate to know Mr. Lowe on a professional and personal level. He is credible, humble, courageous, affable, sincere and honet with high moral standards and ethics. He cares for the community, state and all individuals regardless of their status.

Mr. Lowe was the right nomination for this position and is highly regarded in law enforcement communities locally and nationally.

I submit this written testimony in FULL SUPPORT and without reservations.

Ka mahalo nui, me ka ha'aha'a.

Aloha

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Submitted on: 3/2/2023 12:56:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Koa Dobrowolsky	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Jordan Lowe did a great job as Deputy Director for Law Enforcement under Public Safety, and I believe he is a good choice to become the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. Creating a new department is a daunting task that includes details beyond accounting, policy, human resources, and operational concerns. Additionally, its equally important to analyze and identify gaps and failures to ensure they are addressed and not repeated. Mr. Lowe will be successful meeting these challenges because of his ability to listen to and collaborate with his subordinate leaders while providing the necessary leadership to develop teamwork and implement change.

Lanikoa Dobrowolsky

Chief Deputy, Sheriff Division

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Submitted on: 3/2/2023 5:51:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie Iinuma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha committee members,

I am in full support of the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director for the Department of Law Enforcement.

Valerie Iinuma

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/2/2023 10:24:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Derek Nakamura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chair and Members, I am Derek Nakamura and offer my personal support for Jordan Lowe and his nomination by the Honorable Governor Josh Green for Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. I know Jordan personally and professionally and have no doubt he will confidently lead the professionals of the Department of Law Enforcement with integrity, fairness, and impartiality. His background, experience, personal and professional accomplishments through decades of public service leave no question he is the right person for this important position. I humbly submit this testimony fully supporting Jordan and respectfully encourage his confirmation as Director. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Mahalo.

Aloha Esteemed Senators and Representatives,

I am submitting my written testimony in support of Mr. Jordan Lowe, for his nomination for Director of Law Enforcement for the State of Hawaii.

My name is Michael Church. I am currently the Director of Operation for Allied Security Services in Hawaii.

It is a privilege to write this letter in support of Jordan. I have known Jordan for over 25 years. We started off as associates working together for a common cause and our relationship has evolved into a friendship. I feel Jordan represents the best of the best to lead this new department.

I first met Jordan when he worked at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and I work at the Honolulu Police Department. We work numerous cases together and throughout all of these investigation Jordan was always honest, forthcoming and treated everyone (police, prosecutors, witness, suspects and victims) equally. He never draws conclusions and is always was fair to everyone. At times the work in law enforcement is long, tedious and dangerous, Jordan always took the time to spend quality time with family and friends. This is one of his most important attributes he treats everyone he meets with respect and aloha.

Jordans knowledge, common sense and respect in the community is what will be needed in the evolution of this new department. He is the right and smart choice for this position.

Please feel free to contact me if anyone has any questions. I enthusiastically support his nomination.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Michael Church

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March 4, 2023

Background Information

My name is Jason Pa. From January 1984 to December 2002, I was Special Agent with the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division (IRS CID), where I was involved in the enforcement of Federal Statutes relating to income tax evasion, money laundering, drug trafficking, gambling, banking, and finance. From January 2003 to January 2016, I was a Special Agent with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), where I was involved in crime prevention in several domains, including but not limited to, enforcement of Federal Statutes relating to alien smuggling, child pornography, drug trafficking, human sex trafficking, internet gambling, bulk cash smuggling, money laundering, banking, finance and terrorism. In January 2016, I reached age 57 and I was subject to mandatory retirement. From April 2016 to now, I am the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Money Laundering Intelligence Analyst for HIDTA Executive Director Gary Yabuta.

Confirmation of Jordan Lowe

I strongly support the confirmation of Jordan Lowe for the position of Director, Department of Law Enforcement – a newly created department that will truly need his leadership, critical thinking skills, and experience. I am confident that Jordan Lowe will build a professional and transparent department that will gain the respect and trust of the community. My confidence is based on my years of working with him when he was a Special Agent for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and when he was the ATF Resident Agent in Charge. Simply put, the Director, Department of Law Enforcement should be Jordan Lowe.

Jordan Lowe
Gubernatorial Nominee for Director for the Department of Law Enforcement

Hawaii State Legislature

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support for the consideration and confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director for the Department of Law Enforcement. I have known Jordan for over 20 years in both a personal and professional capacity and have always been impressed with his professionalism, dedication, and positive attitude.

Jordan is an extremely hard worker who dedicates himself to any task or duty placed upon him. He is organized, efficient and extremely competent and his communication skills, whether written or verbal, are excellent.

Jordan exemplifies professionalism with his hard work ethic and his integrity is beyond reproach. He is a great leader who can motivate others with his enthusiasm and kindness.

I highly recommend Jordan Lowe for the position of Director for the Department of Law Enforcement. He will be a valuable asset in this capacity.

Kind Regards:

Ralph R, Lambright
Senior Special Agent – Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Hawaii State Capital
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Honorable Senators,

I am in support of GM510, the nomination of Mr. Jordan Lowe as the Director to the Department of Law Enforcement (DOLE).

Having worked with Jordan and for Jordan allows me to offer firsthand insight to Jordan's leadership capabilities.

Working alongside Jordan at our respective federal agencies at the Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Federal Building, we worked in harmony, using each other's limited resources of our respective federal agencies. As the Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) of the Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF) Jordan knew the limits of his resources. Instead of allowing the limitations to be a barrier, he capitalized on his agency's limitations by working together with all federal agencies to accomplish his agency's mission and goals. At the same time, he made sure that his federal partners weren't shortchanged and instead accomplished their goals and missions as well.

I had the opportunity to work for Jordan at the Department of Taxation (DOTAX), with he as the Chief Investigator, and I as the subordinate. As the supervisor, he showed the same strong work ethic, compassion towards everyone and vision as a few examples. He expected the work to be done equally by everyone under his command. Regardless of our previous working relationship, there was no entitlement for those who expected such. Jordan commanded his subordinates fairly, objectively, impartially, with the main goal of DOTAX and the public's best interest, foremost in mind.

Having experienced firsthand of working with him and for him, leaves no doubt that Jordan is the best person for the job. He exhibits the qualities of being a leader, coupled with his compassion for the people he leads and the general public as foremost on his agenda.

Mahalo for allowing me to submit my testimony about Jordan as a leader and most qualified to lead the State of Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement from its origins to the forefront leader in law enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,

James Yuen

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 12:14:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roy Nakama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Sirs and Madams,

I am an retired Oahu resident who had served 30 years with the Honolulu Police Department. During my time with Honolulu Police Department as a Detective with the Career Criminal Unit, the Lieutenant of the Robbery and Strategic Enforcement Detail of the Criminal Investigation Division and as a Detective and later the Lieutenant of the Criminal Intelligence Unit. I had the great fortune to work with Jordan Lowe. We began as fellow law enforcement partners that quickly developed into a friendship. At that time, Jordan was the Special Agent in Charge of the Hawaii Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Jordan unhesitantly and unselfishly provided his support and advise in every joint investigation we undertook. Even as the Agent in Charge, Jordan had spent long uncomfortable hours on surveillance in a vehicle along with this writer, for which he gained my admiration. These investigations ranging from bank robberies, homicides, weapon offenses and other criminal offenses had reached successfully conclusions due inpart to ATF personnel and Jordan. I urge the members of the Legislature to confirm Jordan Lowe as the Director of the newly formed Department of Law Enforcement for I believe that he has the personal and professional attributes to establish and lead this new Hawaii Law Enforcement Branch.

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 2:09:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Okamura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Frank Okamura strongly support the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director of Law Enforcement (DLE). I have known Jordan for more than 20 years and worked closely with him during the early stages as criminal investigators and the latter part as supervisors for our respective federal agencies.

Mr. Lowe is the right person to lead the DLE. He has more than 40 years of law enforcement experience as a criminal investigator, first-line supervisor, and administrator. Moreover, Mr. Lowe is a tireless worker that will always put others before himself which is one of the best qualities of good leader.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Lowe on a multitude of federal and state criminal investigations. He's dedicated, insightful, and knowledgeable public servant who is well suited to lead the DLE.

Mr. Lowe's background and extensive law enforcement experience across federal, state, and county agencies will be a great asset as he assists the administration in getting the DLE off the ground from the get-go. Moreover, he's an excellent collaborator and leader of people. Mr. Lowe has the innate capacity to bring people together for a common goal or purpose. I've personally witnessed this on numerous occasions throughout his years in law enforcement.

Furthermore, Mr. Lowe is leader who never compromises his integrity – the truth is what matters most and this has been his guiding principle throughout his law enforcement career. He's honest, trustworthy, and reliable.

Thank you for opportunity to provide testimony in support of the confirmation for Jordan Lowe, Director of Law Enforcement.

Respectively Submitted,

Frank Okamura

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 2:24:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Oku	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Sen. Wakai, Vice Chair Sen. Elefante, and members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

I strongly support the consideration and confirmation of Jordan Lowe to serve as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 2:49:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Craig Williams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Greetings,

My name is Craig Williams and I am a retired DEA agent of 30 years..I was fortunate enough to have met Jordan when he worked for the BATF back begining in 1987 thru 1997. Jordan and I worked very closely together on the DEA Ice Task Force where we spent many hours doing what we could to help protect the citizens of Hawaii. Jordan has always been an outstanding agent and human being. Jordan is truly selfless and compassionate. On many occassions, I have seen him go out of his way to check on others who may have been going thru difficult times. Jordan is very intelligent and cool in stressfull situations. I could always count on him, if we were in a tough situation to comeup with the right answer. I have never seen Jordan shirk his responsibilities or shy away from hard work or uncomfortable decisions. Jordan is a true gentleman, someone you can count on to act in an appropriate manner no matter what. Jordan's only fault is he tells bad dad jokes which he would regale us all with on those long nights on surveillance. In DEA, we always said of those we respected and admired that we would go through a door with that person. Well, I have gone through countless doors with Jordan and would also slay dragons for him!

Thank you very much for allowing me this opportunity to talk to you about Jordan Lowe.

God Bless and Mahalo,

Craig Williams

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 3:08:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charles Walton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Having worked with Mr Lowe for just over three years, I will attest that he exemplifies the highest qualities of moral and ethical character. I have witnessed numerous occasions where Mr. Lowe could have merely accepted the flawed methods of "past practices". Instead, Mr Lowe took the arduous path of creating improved directives and procedures to ensure his employees worked ethically and more efficiently. Mr. Lowe allways takes the path of "what is right" rather than "what is easy". These personal attributes along with his experiences in helping craft out this new Department make him by far the most qualified candidate to continue his leadership of the Department of Law Enforecement.

March 6, 2023

TO: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brandon J. C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs

RE: GM 510, Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Jordan Lowe
as the Director of Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial
Nominee term to expire on 12-07-2026.

HEARING: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 3:00 pm, Conference Room 225

Dear Senators Wakai and Elefante:

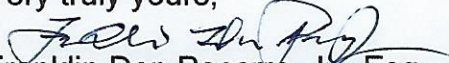
I wholeheartedly support the Confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. I have known Jordan for approximately 28 years, and I met him when I was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and head of the Arson Task Force (1993-1997). I consulted with Jordan and Jo Ann Kocher on an arson case I was handling, when they were with the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Several years later, I consulted with Jordan on a case I was prosecuting that involved an explosion in Aiea on New Year's Eve of 2004. Two men were igniting balloons filled with acetylene gas that exploded sending shrapnel damaging an 11-year-old girl's hand, and damaging surrounding cars. Since then, Jordan has moved from Federal Law Enforcement to the State at the Tax Office and then to the Prosecutor's Office with the City.

Jordan has a wealth of law enforcement knowledge and experience that qualifies him to be the next Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. In addition, Jordan is familiar with law enforcement at the Federal, State and County level. From an investigative and administrative perspective, Jordan has all the skills to succeed in this new department and position. If you need to contact me, please feel free to email me at fdpacarro@gmail.com or call me at 808-255-9944.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment on Jordan Lowe's confirmation.

Very truly yours,


Franklin Don Pacarro, Jr., Esq.

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 3:25:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Taro Nakamura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As one who has been in the law enforcement field for 30 years, it has been my distinct pleasure to work with Mr. Jordan LOWE. Irregardless of whether you are in the local, state or federal arena, Mr. LOWE always treated everyone with respect and sought to bring people together to work towards a common goal.

In my humble opinion, I believe Mr. LOWE would make an excellant Director of Law Enforcement for the State of Hawaii.

My name is Ray Yuen, I am a retired FBI agent. I am submitting my testimony to support Jordan Lowe's confirmation hearing as the Director for the Department of Law Enforcement on March 8:

In 2004, I was assigned to the Honolulu Division of the FBI, and had the pleasure of working closely with Jordan and his team of ATF agents on a complex Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt (RICO) criminal enterprise investigation on the island. Jordan's in-depth historical knowledge of the island, his sincere connections to the local communities and people naturally shaped Jordan as a leader. He selflessly devoted his energy and time to our investigation. Jordan's integrity, work ethic and character had always been that of a conscientious professional. He is honest, loyal, sincere, hardworking and a great listener. Jordan is goal oriented and a practical, efficient problem solver. He worked collaboratively with law enforcement partners in our case to proficiently address dynamical investigative issues effectively. In many of our past investigations, Jordan always possessed a great sense of situational awareness, and vision toward the goals of the case. Because of his investigative keen sense, Jordan was responsible for mitigating various investigative concerns and issues during the course of the case. The case resulted in the successful prosecution of over 25 defendants.

As the Director for the Department of Law Enforcement, I have no doubt Jordan will lead with integrity, honesty, and provide vision and purpose for the Department.

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 4:18:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Sadayasu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee.

I support the appointment of Jordan Lowe to serve as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

Jordan Lowe has served as the Director of DLE and Deputy Director of Law Enforcement for the Department of Public Safety. He also served as the Chief Investigator for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney at the City and County of Honolulu, amongst other key governmental roles. With his extensive public service and background, Mr. Lowe will continue to be an asset to the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 5:14:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Ogawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director for the Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement. I have known Mr. Lowe both professionally and personally for over 20 years, and can confidently state that Mr. Lowe is an exemplary candidate for this important role.

With several decades of experience in law enforcement, Mr. Lowe has demonstrated a strong commitment to public safety and has shown exceptional leadership skills throughout his career. Not only has he proven himself to be an outstanding investigator, he has also served in leadership roles in various law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Lowe has a reputation for being a ethical and innovative leader who works closely with his team to develop effective strategies for combating crime and keeping communities safe. He has shown a strong understanding of the unique challenges facing law enforcement in Hawaii and has demonstrated a commitment to building relationships with other agencies and community members to enhance trust and cooperation.

As Director for the Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement, Mr. Lowe will bring his extensive experience and proven leadership skills to the role. He will work to ensure that the department is well-equipped to meet the challenges facing law enforcement in Hawaii, and will strive to build strong partnerships with community members to promote safety and security for all.

I have no doubt that Mr. Lowe will excel in this important role, and I strongly urge you to confirm his appointment as Director for the Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Ogawa

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 6:56:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Edward Nishi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Edward Nishi, I am a retired Captain from the Honolulu Police Department. I served in the department from 6-4-81 to 4-1-2008. Upon my retirement from HPD I was employed as a security manager with Monsanto Hawaii corporation from 5-1-2008 to 5-26-2021. I am currently employed as a security manager by a large private security company from 11-1-21 to present. In my current position I am in command of over 500 security and Law enforcement personnel.

I am currently on the board of directors for the International Organization of Asian Crime Investigators and Specialist. This is the parent organization that facilitates the annual International Conference on Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism. This is a global organization that spans over 25 countries.

I have known Jordan Lowe for several years. I support Jordan Lowe to become the Director of the Department of Public Safety. I believe Jordan has the skill, experience, integrity, education and wisdom to organize and lead the new Department of Public Safety.

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 7:43:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maria Cook	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Brandon Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the nomination of Jordan Lowe as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (“Department”) and request your favorable consideration. I worked with Director Lowe at the Department of Public Safety when he served as the Deputy Director for Law Enforcement. Director Lowe is an exceptional choice for the Director position. In his capacity as the Deputy Director, he successfully managed the law enforcement program and was involved in the proposed establishment of the new Department of Law Enforcement. He has the leadership skills, the vision, and the positive attitude needed to lead a new Department. He can be trusted to lead the new Department of Law Enforcement, because he is committed to providing the highest quality of law enforcement service for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Sincerely,

/s/

Maria Cook

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 8:22:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Maeshiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully offer my strong support for JORDAN LOWE as Director for the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). I first met and worked with Mr. Lowe in November 2020 when he was appointed to serve as the deputy director for law enforcement in the Department of Public Safety (DPS). I was one of the deputy attorneys general assigned to provide legal services to the DPS. Hearing his thoughts on issues facing the department at the time, it was evident that he had substantive knowledge of various facets of law enforcement, both operational and legal. His work experience reflects this.

Leadership is about people. He is an excellent listener, understands the diverse interests of the public, and has both a positive disposition and steady temperament that people can look up to.

Mr. Lowe possesses law enforcement knowledge and people skills necessary to build and manage the new DLE, and will make an effective director for our state.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony in support.

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/6/2023 9:59:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Nakagawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Honorable Senator Kouchi and Members of the Senate,

My name is Peter Nakagawa, and I am a retired law enforcement officer with over 35 years of dedicated service to the City and County of Honolulu. I am submitting testimony in strong support of Jordan Lowe’s appointment to the Director of Law Enforcement for the State of Hawai‘i.

I have known Jordan both professionally and personally for nearly 30 years. As a police officer, I worked closely with Jordan to target some of the most dangerous and violent criminal offenders in Honolulu. His dedication and relentless work ethic was without peer.

As we look towards the future of law enforcement in the State of Hawai‘i, I truly believe that Jordan possesses the strong leadership and remarkable vision to take the Department of Law Enforcement forward. Jordan’s willingness to work with other agencies, and to effectively communicate across the law enforcement community is well documented.

The challenges that the Department will face in the future will be difficult, and may at times appear insurmountable, but Jordan has the right temperament, integrity, and judgement to guide this agency through these rough times.

I strongly support the appointment of Jordan Lowe as the Director of Law Enforcement for the State of Hawai‘i.

Sincerely,

Peter Nakagawa

TESTIMONY OF
KEITH A. REGAN

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225

GM510

Honorable Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, I am providing testimony in support of GM510, the confirmation of Jordan Lowe to serve as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

Mr. Lowe's years of law enforcement experience and education has prepared him well to serve in the role of Director of DLE. He has served in various senior-level capacities and roles including deputy director, chief investigator, chief special agent, and supervisory special agent at the local, state and federal levels of government. These experiences have allowed him to build an exceptional career protecting and serving the people of Hawaii.

Jordan's commitment to public service spans more than three decades during which time he pursued his formal education and subsequent training to become proficient in all of his roles. His calm and steady demeanor combined with his keen understanding of law enforcement tactics and strategies has earned him tremendous respect amongst his colleagues both in and out of law enforcement circles. Jordan has also demonstrated a firm understanding of the newly created department's mission and the processes necessary to move the department forward.

Mr. Lowe has also been extremely helpful and offered assistance when law enforcement concerns have been raised. He is eager to find sensible solutions and to provide support to other departments when they've been faced with safety and security issues. He has proven to be a team player and willing to go the extra mile to ensure his team and those he serves are supported.

It is for these reasons that I humbly ask you to please support the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Regan
Honolulu, Hawaii

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 6:19:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steve Li	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha,

I recommend Jordan Lowe as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement in the State of Hawaii. In my experience with Jordan Lowe, he would be an excellent choice for this position due to his professional background, high ethics, temperament, and ability to lead multiple agencies successfully.

I've known Jordan for over 20 years as I am also a retired federal agent and served on the Financial Crimes Task Force with various agencies including the U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI, IRS, HSI, ATF, OIG, and DOD. Jordan had a admirable career at the IRS and ATF. Jordan has always held an excellent reputation within federal and state law enforcement agencies who all collectively work together in the Hawaii jurisdiction with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Mahalo,

Steve Li

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 9:48:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark M. Hanohano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui distinguished senators,

I wholeheartedly support Mr. Lowe for confirmation as director. Mr. Lowe will play an integral role in ensuring that the Department of Law Enforcement attains success, which the public expects. Mr. Lowe's career supports my position, as he has served Hawaii's people with integrity and honor. His aloha for our communities, those he will and has served, is sincere, with the opportunity to kokua appreciated.

Mark M. "Dutch" Hanohano, Sheriff

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 10:08:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Asuka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of GM510. Over the past 2+ years, I have worked with Mr. Lowe at the Depart of Public Safety and the newly formed Department of Law Enforcement. Through his leadership and initiatives, Mr. Lowe has improved morale, increased efficiency, and created processes to change the landscape of law enforcement within the State.

I believe that Jordan is the right person to lead State law enforcement as we transition into one consolidated department.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 10:10:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael J. Hoffman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I submit testimony in strong support of the nomination and for the confirmation of Jordon Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). I have worked with Mr. Lowe in my capacity as the Institutions Division Administrator and as the Acting Deputy Director for Corrections.

Mr. Lowe has more than forty years of law enforcement experience at both the State and Federal levels and he clearly demonstrates the knowledge, leadership, managerial, and interpersonal skills required to lead the DLE. I can clearly affirm he is open, approachable, honorable and has the integrity to take on the challenges and lead the new DLE. I stand in full support and request the committee to support the confirmation of Mr. Lowe as the Director of the DLE.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of GM 510 and the confirmation of Mr. Lowe.

Subject
Governor's Message 510
**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JORDAN LOWE
FOR DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

March 8, 2023

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter in support of Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

I worked with Jordan when he served as Chief Investigator of the Investigative Services Division at the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. I have seen first-hand the work ethic, leadership, integrity, and honesty that qualify Jordan to head the Department of Law Enforcement. He commands respect and leads by example. He inspires you to do a good job.

Simply put, Jordan does the right thing. The state will be fortunate to have Jordan leading the Department of Law Enforcement.

Sincerely,



Brooks Baehr
Executive Assistant for Communications & Community Affairs
Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
City & County of Honolulu
1060 Richards Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 11:30:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reef Makue	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to thank this body of legislators for receiving my pledge in favor of Mr.Jordan Lowe.

My name is Reef Maku'e. I am currently employed as a Deputy Sheriff with the rank of Sergant, in the Dept. of Public Safety and assigned to the Circuit Court Section. I firmly pledge my support of Jordan LOWE for the appointment of the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Since Mr. Lowe joined the Department of Public Safety as the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement, just a few years ago, he has brought both vision and pragmatics to administrating. Vision -- as he has helped set this new Department on a path for great and greater responsibilities to help better our community. And Pragmatics -- where he has been integral in demonstrating that he and his support staff are result(s) oriented in providing the essential tools, equipment, and resources for "us" to do our jobs effectively.

In my 20+ years of public service, I have not seen anyone who has done so much in a short time nor actually kept and been committed to keep the initiatives he made up front with such tenacity as he and his current team have demonstrated.

I believe that his confirmation and installation as DLE Director will have a dramatic and positive effect for our State Law Enforcement "ohana" as well as a resounding and positive result for our local community. I request of you all to kindly consider and confirm Mr Lowe to this inaugural post of DLE Director.

Mahalo again for your consideration in this matter,

Reef Maku'e

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 11:36:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kari Doi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mr. Lowe is very knowledgeable and dedicated in his pursuit to improving law enforcement standards in Hawaii. His experience with federal and state law enforcement is extensive and he would continue to be an asset to the Hawaii Dept. of Public Safety (law enforcement) as their Director.

Mr. Lowe is a good leader and it was a pleasure working with him at Department of Taxation and Public Safety. I found him to be a man of integrity and honorable in all his interactions with others.

Kari Doi - Retired with 30 years of state service

GM-510

Submitted on: 3/7/2023 11:50:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adrian Kanoa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Senate,

I fully support Jordan Lowe and respectfully request you do the same and confirm Mr. Lowe as Director, Department of Law Enforcement. Mahalo

Sergeant Adrian Kanoa

TESTIMONY ON GM 510

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, JORDAN LOWE for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AND VETERANS

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 8, 2023; 3:00 PM

Senator Wakai, Senator Elefante and Members of the Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my **strong support** of GM 510, relating to the nomination of Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Mr. Lowe has vast experience in Federal, State and County law enforcement. His work in the law enforcement field includes the ATF, Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Division, State Department of Taxation and the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. His broad experience in law enforcement is the ideal foundation to develop and lead the newly created Department of Law Enforcement.

I have been with the Sheriff Division for 38 years and have been through numerous Directors and Deputy Directors over the years. Based on my personal experience, I can say that Mr. Lowe is a competent leader with integrity, vision and the skills to create an outstanding Law Enforcement Department.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Lieutenant Robin Nagamine

Sheriff Division

Nalani Myers
Kapolei, Hawaii

The Honorable Glenn Wakai
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
State Capitol, Room 407
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Governor's Message 510 – Consideration and Confirmation as the
Director of the Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Jordan Lowe

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support for Mr. Jordan Lowe's appointment as the
Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

I am a Private Secretary with the Department of Law Enforcement and have also
been employed with the Sheriff Division for over 30 years. I have witnessed Mr.
Lowe's strong management skills as the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement
with the Department of Public Safety and now as the Director of the Department
of Law Enforcement. Mr. Lowe demonstrates solid leadership as he works
alongside his team in building the new Department of Law Enforcement.

As seen throughout his resume, Mr. Lowe has vast knowledge and experience in
Law Enforcement and in my humble opinion, is the most qualified to manage the
new Department of Law Enforcement.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony and I ask that you confirm
Mr. Jordan Lowe's nomination as the Director of the Department of Law
Enforcement.

Respectfully,
Nalani Myers

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Submitted on: 3/7/2023 12:50:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Tong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Jordan Lowe to be director of the State of Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement.

I have been practicing law in Hawaii for over 40 years. I have worked with Mr. Lowe during his time as both a federal, city and state law enforcement officer.

He is highly skilled and experienced individual, and maintains a calm, professional demeanor in all respects. Mr. Lowe has insight into criminal justice issues at all levels and collaborates well. He is well suited to meet the challenges of building and leading the DLE.

I urge your favorable consideration of his nomination. I write in my individual capacity only, and not on behalf of my present or prior employer.

To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair,
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,
Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference

From: Nadine Ando

**Re: G.M. 510, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JORDAN LOWE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I write to submit testimony to express my whole-hearted support for the confirmation of Jordan Lowe to the position of Director, Department of Law Enforcement.

Mr. Lowe had previously served as the Deputy Director of the Department of Law Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety since 2020 where he was tasked with, among other things, developing the framework for establishment of the new Department of Law Enforcement ("Department"). From that background, he now has been fittingly appointed to lead the Department as its Director.

Mr. Lowe's resume reflects his superior qualifications to serve as the Department's Director. While with the Department of Public Safety, he managed the law enforcement and security programs. He has extensive experience serving as Chief Investigator in the Investigative Services Division of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Chief Special Agent and Supervisory Special Agent in the Criminal Investigation Section of the State Department of Taxation. His experience also includes work for the federal government as a Resident Agent in Charge/Supervisory Agent, Senior Special Agent and Special Agent for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Testimony of Jared Redulla on GM 510

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jared Redulla and I am a career law enforcement officer and currently the Administrator and Chief Investigator of the State of Hawaii, Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED). I write in my personal capacity as a resident of the State of Hawaii.

I am writing in SUPPORT of Jordan Lowe's nomination to become the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

I have known Jordan for over 15 years having first met him while he was serving as the Resident in Charge of the Hawaii Office for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). Since that time, I have come to know Jordan as a skilled law enforcement officer, talented law enforcement leader, and a kind and generous man.

There is one significant reason why you should support Jordan's nomination. When the Legislature passed Act 278 into law last year and created the Department of Law Enforcement, a single enigmatic question begged for an answer:

“How do you create a new state department”

Jordan answered that question by assembling a crack team of hardworking employees last July to tackle that very question. Under Jordan's leadership, the staggering amount of work done in a short period of time was unbelievable and incomparable to anything I have experienced in 31 years working in and around state government. Under Jordan's leadership, the Department of Law Enforcement's infrastructure is ready and if the Legislature funds the Department, the Department will be successful in its endeavors. Jordan will lead a modern, transparent, and technologically advanced department that will serve our community well.

In closing, Jordan did the work; He deserves the job.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 3/7/2023 5:41:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lt Michael Oakland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the committee, I am LT Michael Oakland in the Sheriff Division and I am writing in SUPPORT of Mr Jordan Lowe as the new Director of DLE which consists of several state law enforcement entities but the majority is deputy sheriffs under the Sheriff.

Mr. Lowe has worked hard to support us and has also promised to include section/division commanders in the transition and building of our new department with the knowledge that a number of us got us here.

it is this kind of support that will ensure that people Will not easily disassemble the almost 20 year effort that has gone into getting this new department here and hopefully will continue on to be the pride of the great state of Hawaii for generations to come.

Mahalo Nui Loa for this opportunity to testify and if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call upon me at any time.

Aloha, LT Michael Oakland, Commander

Community Relations

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Submitted on: 3/7/2023 6:00:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/8/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Meoh-Leng Silliman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, JORDAN LOWE, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as Director, Department of Law Enforcement.

Jordan has an extensive background in investigation and administration. Coupled with his experience as the Deputy for Law Enforcement in the Department of Public Safety since 2020, he will be fully capable of leading the newly created Department of Law Enforcement. I have had the pleasure of working with him recently and found him engaging and dedicated to his department. I urge you to vote favorably on his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony.

March 7, 2023

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

Aloha Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

I support GM 510 confirming Jordan Lowe as the Department of Law Enforcement Director. Mr. Lowe is the right person to lead the State of Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement.

I first met Mr. Lowe while employed as an investigator for the City and County of Honolulu in 2016 as I conducted multiple investigations into illicit business throughout Honolulu. A few years later, Mr. Lowe became the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office's Chief Investigator. I became familiar with his superb leadership skills and unquestionable ethics at this time. He understood the department's mission, vision, and goals and always strived to ensure its success.

Mr. Lowe is well-regarded in the law enforcement arena and a selfless leader. Building and maintaining bridges between law enforcement agencies and the community is even more critical when creating a new law enforcement department. Jordan Lowe is the person to accomplish those goals.

I fully support the confirmation of Jordan Lowe as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement and the swift passage of GM 510.

Respectfully,

Shaun Martin

