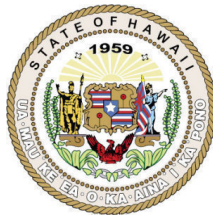


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 490, SD1
RELATING TO COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS
Before the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means
Wednesday, February 15, 2023; 10:20 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 211, Via Videoconference

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Chairs Rhoads and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) Submits the following comments and recommendations on Senate Bill 490, SD 1.

This bill has been amended to appropriate moneys to the DLE to hire law enforcement officers dedicated to investigating complaints, conducting investigations, and cooperating with enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with all state laws and rules and county ordinances on Hawaiian home lands.

The DLE agrees that additional funding is necessary to support additional law enforcement officers in the community which includes Hawaiian home lands. However, the current language of the bill would preclude DLE from using officers funded with the proposed appropriation from law enforcement actions outside of lands administered by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

For the subject bill, DLE would recommend 6 law enforcement officers for Oahu and two (2) law enforcement officers on Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i. However, the funding should not limit their law enforcement actions to DHHL lands but allow these officers to engage in law enforcement operations for the entire community. To provide for this increased presence for DHHL lands and the community, DLE suggests replacing

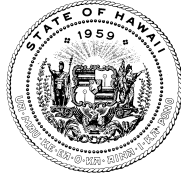
Lines 11 through 17 of Section 2 of the bill with the following which will address personnel and equipment costs:

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$825,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the sum of \$1,132,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the department of law enforcement to hire twelve full-time equivalent (12.0 FTE) law enforcement officers for law enforcement in the community including investigating complaints, conducting investigations, and cooperating with enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with all state laws and rules and county ordinances on Hawaiian home lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments to this bill.

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SB 490, SD 1, RELATING TO COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

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Aloha Chair Rhoads, Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports SB 490, SD 1 and provides comments for this measure which appropriates moneys to the Department of Law Enforcement to hire law enforcement officers to conduct and investigate complaints, and cooperate with law enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with all state laws, rules, and regulations, and county ordinances on Hawaiian Home Lands.

DHHL prefers the language in SB 490. DHHL considers the health and safety of homestead communities to be a top priority. Illegal activity occurring on Hawaiian Home Lands threatens the health and safety of the community. Responses to these issues by law enforcement, however, are inconsistent across the different counties. DHHL supports better coordination between state and county law enforcement, and sufficient enforcement personnel dedicated to Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for consideration of our testimony.