

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3083

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2457  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the requirement that the Department of Law Enforcement pursue and obtain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., to all divisions and sections within the Department; and
- (2) Establish five Commission Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. coordinator positions, exempt from civil service, within the Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers.




Your Committee finds that Act 278, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, established a new Department of Law Enforcement to consolidate and administer state criminal law enforcement and investigations functions for the purpose of providing the highest level of law enforcement service for the public, state employees, and state properties by centralizing state law enforcement functions. Your Committee recognizes that it is critical to increase public safety, improve decision-making, promote accountability, streamline communication, decrease costs, reduce duplication of efforts, and provide uniform training and standards within the Department of Law Enforcement. This measure seeks to support the Department of Law Enforcement with these public safety goals by helping the Department to achieve accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2042, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety and  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs,

  
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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB2457 HD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/11/24</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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