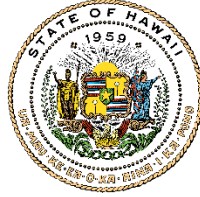


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December 20, 2023

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker  
and Members of the House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
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Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Instance of Usage of electric Guns report, as required by Section 134-16(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, a copy of this report has been transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau and the report may be viewed electronically at <https://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/reports-to-the-legislature/2024/DC24-Report-On-Usage-Of-Electric-Guns-FY23.pdf>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dawn N. S. Chang".

Dawn N. S. Chang  
Chairperson

Enclosure

**Report to the Thirty-Second Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024**

**INSTANCE  
OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS**



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

**In response to:  
Section 134-87 (b) (3), Hawaii Revised Statutes**

**Honolulu, Hawaii  
December 2023**

## **INSTANCE OF USAGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS**

This report is submitted in accordance with Section 134-87(b)(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding the maintenance of records and instance of usage of electric guns.

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

The Department reports one (1) instance of the usage of a Taser 7 Conductive Energy Weapon, which occurred at Maalaea Harbor, Maui. The subject involved was not injured and was subsequently arrested for Tampering with Evidence and Resisting Arrest.

Lastly, all Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers (CREOs) have been trained and are fielding the Axon TASER X26P or Taser 7 Conductive Energy Weapons ("Electric Guns"). DOCARE continues to provide appropriate in-service recertification training of all CREOs in accordance with the standing policy.