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TESTIMONY OF WENDY L. GADY
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

February 19, 2025

3:00 p.m.

Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

GM 645 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE LAMBERT, for a term to expire 12-07-2026

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

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) **supports** GM645, relating to the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Mike Lambert’s appointment as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (“DLE”).

Mr. Lambert has more than 22 years of experience in law enforcement and has served with distinction in the Honolulu Police Department, where he has worked his way up from patrol to several key leadership positions, including narcotics investigations and community outreach, including the successful Homeless Outreach and Navigation for Unsheltered Persons (“HONU”) program for the homeless. ADC benefited tremendously from the establishment of a HONU site in Whitmore Village to address the numerous homeless encampments in the region.

ADC believes Mr. Lambert's extensive experience will be instrumental in helping lead DLE. Furthermore, ADC is confident Mr. Lambert has the knowledge and skills required to serve as Director and we respectfully ask for your consideration and support for his nomination.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
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February 18, 2025

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

Date: February 19, 2025
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 225, State Capitol

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

**Re: G.M. 645; Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director,
Department of Law Enforcement, MIKE LAMBERT, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.**

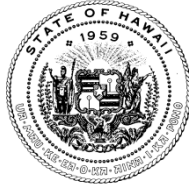
The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations **strongly supports** the confirmation of Mike Lambert as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

Mr. Lambert earned his bachelor's in public administration from the University of Hawaii, West Oahu and has served 22 years with distinction in the Honolulu Police Department, where he has worked his way up from patrol to the rank of Major by serving in several key leadership positions, including narcotics investigations, community outreach, and the successful HONU program for the homeless. He currently serves in the Narcotics Vice Division and his work has earned him the respect of his colleagues, as well as the trust of the communities he has served.

Governor Josh Green has nominated a capable leader in Mr. Lambert who has the experience and convictions to make the tough choices that will be required in the coming years. He has common sense, a lifetime of service, and a commitment to getting the job done right.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 645.

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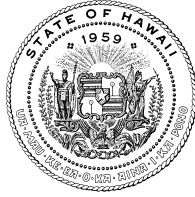
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the appointment and confirmation of Mike Lambert as director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

The partnership and coordination between DOT and DLE are critically important as the DLE deputy sheriffs assigned to our airports and commercial ports are responsible for preserving the public peace, preventing crime, detecting and arresting offenders, protecting the rights of persons and property, enforcing and preventing violation of laws at these essential transportation facilities. We look forward to continuing this coordination under Mr. Lambert's leadership.

With two decades of service with the Honolulu Police Department with a wide-range of experience across several divisions, it is clear that Mr. Lambert has the necessary background, skills, and expertise to lead the department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Testimony of
Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

In consideration of
Governor's Message No. 645

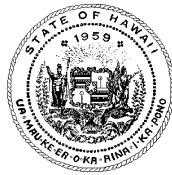
Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Governor's Message No. 645, the appointment of Mike Lambert to be the Director for the Department of Law Enforcement.

Mr. Lambert has over 22 years of experience in law enforcement and a proven track record of leadership and community engagement. During his career with the Honolulu Police Department, Mr. Lambert has worked his way up from patrol to several key leadership positions, including narcotics investigations and community outreach, including the successful HONU program for the homeless. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Lambert served in the Narcotics Vice Division.

I am confident that Mr. Lambert, with his deep understanding of public safety, combined with his ability to lead with compassion and innovation, will bring those skills and experiences with him as the next Director of the Department of Law Enforcement and I am pleased to offer my full support of his nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration.



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Statement of
BRENN H. HASHIMOTO
Director, Department of Human Resources Development

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
GM645 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE LAMBERT, for a term to expire 12-07-2026. (Position corrected by GM650)

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

The Department of Human Resources Development (HRD) strongly supports the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Mike Lambert as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (LAW).

Mr. Lambert has proven to be a dedicated public servant with considerable knowledge of government operations and law enforcement. Mr. Lambert's two decades of experience with the Honolulu Police Department, most recently at the rank of major, have well-prepared him to lead the Department of Law Enforcement.

In the short time since his appointment, I have found him to be responsive, transparent, and collaborative. We look forward to working cooperatively with him and the DLE leadership team to realize the administration's goals for the department.

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

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024
3:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 & VIDEOCONFERENCE**

GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 645

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

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

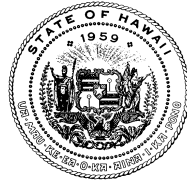
Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Michael Lambert as the Director, Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). Michael brings 22 years of experience in law enforcement, dedicated his career to protecting and serving the people of Hawai'i and he is committed to working with law enforcement partners, community leaders and residents to ensure a safer, stronger Hawai'i.

Respectfully requesting your vote to confirm the nomination of Michael Lambert to serve as the Director of DLE. He is qualified, well-respected, and the right person for the position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM645

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Law Enforcement,
Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE LAMBERT, for a term to expire 12-07-2026.

SEN. BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: February 19, 2025

Room Number: 225

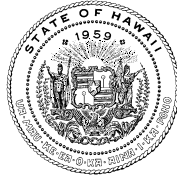
- 1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports the nomination of
- 2 Mike Lambert as Director of Law Enforcement.

- 3 Major Lambert has served Hawaii for decades and has won several prestigious accolades such as
- 4 Detective of the Year and the International Association of Chiefs of Police “40 Under 40.” In
- 5 addition to roles in which he reduced crime and kept neighborhoods safe, Major Lambert also
- 6 brought innovation to police work through his participation in the Health Efficiency Long-Term
- 7 Partnership program, which combines social services with law enforcement to address
- 8 homelessness.

- 9 DOH looks forward to collaborating with Major Lambert on the core issues where public health
- 10 and law enforcement intersect.

- 11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 19, 2024, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 645

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE LAMBERT, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 645.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** the Governor's nomination of Mike Lambert as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

Mr. Lambert began as a metropolitan police officer in 2002. Throughout his career he continually grew as a leader, working his way up to rank of Major. He held many leadership roles through the years in various divisions which include community outreach, district patrol, training academy and the narcotics vice. Mr. Lambert has led and has been a part of numerous projects that have improved operations at the

Honolulu Police Department, improved public safety and improved community collaboration.

Mr. Lambert's extensive background in law enforcement, numerous awards, community service, and skill sets makes him an ideal candidate to serve as Director of the DLE. He has dedicated his career to law enforcement and has a passion for serving his community. I am confident that Mr. Lambert will be an invaluable asset to State government if confirmed. I humbly ask for your support of his confirmation.

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



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the Thirty-Third State Legislature, 2025 Session

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Conference Room 225

By:

Rodney A. Maile

Administrative Director of the Courts

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

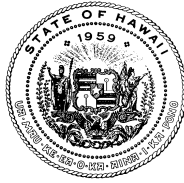
Nomination No. & Title: GM 645, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE LAMBERT, for a term to expire 12-07-2026

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the confirmation of Mr. Mike Lambert for a term to expire on December 7, 2026, as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

The Judiciary has worked with Mr. Lambert over recent years in his roles at the Honolulu Police Department on a number of initiatives, and he has proven to be an ardent collaborator and overall excellent partner. Specifically, the Judiciary has worked with Mr. Lambert on efforts to improve the ways by which the justice system addresses those with serious mental illness and through the Ending Homelessness Working Group.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this nomination.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM645

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE LAMBERT, for a term to expire 12-07-2026. (Position corrected by GM650)

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

Hearing Date and Time: February 19, 2025, 3:00 p.m. Location: Room 225 and Videoconference

1 On behalf of the Behavioral Health Administration of the Department of Health, we
2 strongly support the nomination of Mike Lambert as Director of the Department of Law
3 Enforcement.

4 The Department's Behavioral Health Administration has worked very closely with
5 (former) Major Lambert in his previous roles at the Honolulu Police Department. His street
6 experience with the mentally ill and commitment to work in a humane and respectful manner
7 has made him a valuable partner to our work.

8 In his new role as Director, Mike will undoubtedly shine through his natural talent in
9 developing and maintaining collaborative working relationships with multiple stakeholders
10 while achieving shared goals. As the law enforcement representative for the Trauma-Informed
11 Care Task Force, Mike worked with various state agencies and private sector entities to create
12 statewide trauma-informed and responsive practices. Mike has also contributed significantly to
13 the state's crisis services response to individuals experiencing homelessness and behavioral
14 health crises.

15 Mike has partnered with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division as a representative of law
16 enforcement to support the Launch of the Hawaii Overdose Initiative (HOI) last January. The

1 HOI hopes to address all facets of today's drug epidemic, not just those with opioid addiction,
2 and to work with community partners across multiple disciplines including law enforcement
3 with experience on substance use, overdose, co-occurring mental health conditions and related
4 issues, including those experiencing homelessness.

5 He is a leader who listens and learns, yet is very clear about his values and where the
6 boundaries lie. He will be an asset to the Department of Law Enforcement and our community.



**TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI, PRESIDENT
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII
FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

**Re: GM 645 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
MIKE LAMBERT, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-07-2026.**

Aloha, Chair Elefante, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii was founded in 1901, RMH is a statewide, not for profit trade organization committed to the growth and development of the retail industry in Hawaii. Our membership includes small mom & pop stores, large box stores, resellers, luxury retail, department stores, shopping malls, local, national, and international retailers, chains, and everyone in between.

We are in strong support of the confirmation of Mike Lambert as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

I have known Mike Lambert since he was a recruit in Waikīkī and have seen firsthand his dedication, leadership, and innovative approach to law enforcement.

Throughout his career, Mike has consistently proven the ability to think outside the box and implement forward-thinking solutions to address crime and public safety challenges. As the Major of the Honolulu Police Department's Narcotics/Vice Division, he played a pivotal role in dismantling illegal game rooms, which have long plagued the retail industry. These operations are often linked to stolen merchandise, as individuals struggling with gambling addictions resort to theft, and illegal game rooms often serve as fencing operations for stolen goods. His efforts in this area have had a direct and positive impact on businesses and communities across Hawai'i.

Beyond his impressive law enforcement credentials, Mike is a proven leader who is both strategic and action oriented. He thinks outside of the box and understands the complexities of law enforcement at both the operational and administrative levels, making him exceptionally qualified to lead the Department of Law Enforcement.

With his extensive experience, integrity, professionalism, effectiveness, steadfast commitment to protecting our communities, and commitment and deep knowledge of public safety issues, Mike is exceptionally well-qualified to lead the Department of Law Enforcement.

We strongly urge the committee to confirm his appointment.

Mahalo again for this opportunity to testify.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
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TESTIMONY ON GM 645

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Law Enforcement,
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Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
3:00 PM

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

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate, and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau strongly supports the confirmation of Mike Lambert as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. His extensive background in law enforcement, including his leadership with the Honolulu Police Department, makes him well-qualified to oversee the state's law enforcement operations and enhance public safety efforts across Hawai'i.

Mr. Lambert has a distinguished career with the Honolulu Police Department, where he has held key leadership positions and managed complex law enforcement operations. His experience in overseeing criminal investigations, coordinating multi-agency enforcement efforts, and implementing crime prevention strategies has prepared him to take on the critical responsibilities of leading the Department of Law Enforcement. His deep understanding of Hawai'i's unique law enforcement challenges—ranging from organized crime to drug enforcement and community policing—will be invaluable in strengthening statewide law enforcement policies and programs.

In addition to his leadership in traditional law enforcement, Mr. Lambert has also shown a commitment to addressing crimes that impact Hawai'i's rural and agricultural communities. Agricultural crime, including theft, vandalism, illegal trespassing, and poaching, continues to be a significant concern for farmers and ranchers. These crimes not only result in financial losses but also threaten the stability of Hawai'i's food production industry. We appreciate Mr. Lambert's engagement with stakeholders on these issues

and his willingness to explore ways that the Department of Law Enforcement can play a greater role in agricultural crime prevention and enforcement.

Mr. Lambert's expertise in law enforcement operations, combined with his ability to collaborate with agencies and communities, will serve the state well. His leadership will be instrumental in ensuring that the Department of Law Enforcement is effective, responsive, and focused on protecting Hawai'i's residents, businesses, and industries.

We urge the committee to confirm Mike Lambert as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.



To: Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday February 19, 2025 3:00 PM

Re: Testimony in in Strong Support of GM 645 – Mike Lambert for Director of DLE

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

The Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHRC) **strongly supports Mike Lambert (GM 645)** for the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. HHRC has worked with Acting Director Lambert for almost 10 years in his role at HPD and feel strongly that he has the vision, leadership skills and commitment to public safety for the permanent position of Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Acting Director Lambert has a long history of working WITH community instead of against community – which is essential given the intersection of public health and public safety in our communities. He founded HELP Honolulu which paired HPD Officers and outreach workers, developed HONU for low-barrier shelter options, has been one of the main champions for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) which works with community providers to train HPD officers in crisis de-escalation and has been at the forefront of the efforts to move our islands towards being a trauma-responsive state. At every intersection, he connected with community members to ensure coordination and foster collaboration even amongst those with differing values and perspectives. His commitment to both officer wellness and community wellness will result in a more resilient DLE and resilient community. We know he will bring a similar leadership style to DLE and his work will increase the safety of both his team and the greater community

HHRC's mission is to *reduce harm, promote health, create wellness and fight stigma in Hawaii and the Pacific*. We focus our efforts on those disproportionately affected by social determinants of health, including but not limited to: people living with and/or affected by HIV, hepatitis, substance use, and the transgender, LGBTQ and the Native Hawaiian communities.

As the ED of HHRC and currently the CIT Clinical Lead (along with Kumi Macdonald of NAMI – Hawaii Chapter) I cannot speak highly enough of Acting Director Lambert's qualifications for the Director of DLE and know that he will bring not only his over 20 years of experience in law enforcement, but the last decade of relationships within the community. We need a leader like him focus on public safety where it is needed most, and to help divert those who struggle with behavioral health concerns out of the legal system. He has demonstrated his willingness and ability to balance both.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Heather Lusk, Executive Director, Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center



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To Whom It May Concern.

NAMI Hawaii, the state organization of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the largest grassroots mental health organization in the nation. With over 600 affiliates in the U.S. NAMI was one of the founders of the original Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program out of Memphis back in 1988. NAMIs across the nation provides advocacy and support to CIT programs across the nation. NAMI Hawaii helps coordinate educate and advocate the CIT programs for Honolulu CIT and Hawaii County CIT and helps educate and advocate for Maui CIT and Kauai CIT, which includes police departments, sheriff's, NSA, VA officers, DLNR, and other law enforcement agencies.

I am writing as the Executive Director of NAMI Hawaii, the co-chair and advocacy lead of the Honolulu CIT in support of Major Mike K. Lambert as Director of the State Department of Law Enforcement.

Major Lambert was the founding member and the law enforcement lead for the Honolulu CIT launched in 2018 and has been an instrumental force in the expansion and growth of CIT in Honolulu and Hawaii County. Honolulu CIT has trained over 250 CIT officers for the Honolulu Police Department. Together, along with my co-chair, Heather Lusk, executive director of Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center, along with HPDs Major Lambert and currently SGT Corbin Matsumoto, has kept the momentum going, engaging with community stakeholders, presented at the CIT International conference, and spearheaded Hawai'i Island in launching their own CIT program, which has certified 91 officers to date.

CIT and other community collaborations have helped increase public safety and has helped decrease the gap between law enforcement and the community. We hope that State of Hawaii will continue to support CIT and we commit to continuing to support the officers and overall CIT program statewide. We have seen changes in our community as people affected by mental illness and their families have seen changes in how mental health crises are handled. We have also seen individual officers change in how they respond to these interactions and say that CIT has helped them do their job better.

Thank you for all that you do and let us know if presenting to or providing more information would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Kumi Macdonald
Co-chair/ Advocacy Lead, Honolulu CIT
Executive Director
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GM645 Mike Lambert
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Sen. Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
Sen. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Wednesday, Feb19, 2025: 3:00pm: Room 225 Videoconference

Hina Mauka Supports GM645 Mike Lambert for Director of the Department of Law Enforcement:

ALOHA CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the CEO for Hina Mauka, a mental health and substance use disorder treatment and prevention agency for thousands of adults and adolescents on Oahu and Kauai, including recovery-oriented services and housing transitional living programs.

As the CEO of Hina Mauka, I have had many experiences of working with Major Mike Lambert of HPD where he demonstrated leadership, innovation and great collaboration to bring community together that would improve HPD services and outcomes.

Major Mike Lambert has excellent skills for investigative functions, a wide variety of training abilities, as well as outstanding community outreach collaborations. As the Division Commander, Major Lambert understands the challenges facing law enforcement here in Hawaii and he can draw upon his vast experiences in working with other Federal, State and City agencies to address those challenges. He is multi-versed on many different aspects of law enforcement.

Mike Lambert is excellent at engagement with all forms of government and community, utilizing his superb communications talents. Mike Lambert has been recognized for his prestigious accomplishments for leadership and innovation. He will well serve the department and our community with his value-oriented approaches in achieving the highest level of results.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony and are available for questions.

GM-645

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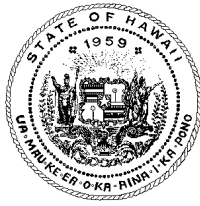
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimo Carvalho	Testifying for HomeAid Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 645
RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF MIKE LAMBERT
TO BE THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

By
Tommy Johnson, Director

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

Wednesday, February 19, 2025; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Via Video Conference

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

I submit testimony in support of the nomination and confirmation of Mike Lambert as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE), for a term ending December 7, 2026. Mr. Lambert has decades of qualifying work experience in law enforcement via working in various positions with the Honolulu Police Department.

Mr. Lambert's vast work experience in law enforcement working with other counties, states, and federal law enforcement agencies makes him the ideal candidate to lead DLE into the future. He clearly possesses the prerequisite knowledge, honed leadership and managerial skills, and interpersonal skills required for such a complex and far-reaching position.

I strongly urge the committee to recommend advice and consent for this highly qualified nominee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the Governor's Message No. 645 and Mr. Lambert.

TESTIMONY OF ALISON UEOKA

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

3:00 p.m.

GM 645

Chair Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair Glenn Wakai, and members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, my name is Alison Ueoka and I am testifying today in support of Mike Lambert, Governor's Message 645, for the position of Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

In May 2022, I was one of six assessors chosen from the community by the Police Commission to spend an intensive four days, about ten hours each day, evaluating and interviewing candidates on their second round to send recommendations for Police Chief to the Commission. Evaluations were in writing as well as face-to-face interviews.

Mike Lambert was articulate and passionate about law enforcement. He also stood out in terms of asserting himself, putting in extra time on the job, and finding creative solutions to reducing crime in Honolulu. I believe Mike's mindset and passionate dedication to law enforcement and Hawaii will serve him well in leading this new Department. I fully support him for Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

February 19, 2025
3:00 PM
Conference Room 225
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in Support of GM 645

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

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

I am Linda Rosehill. I would like to support Gubernatorial Nominee, Mike Lambert, to be the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

I've known Mike all of his life. He's worked diligently throughout his career in the Honolulu Police Department rising through its ranks as he assumed a myriad of increasing responsibilities. He is conscientious, hardworking but more importantly thinks out of the box to solve problems and issues facing our community — his work creating the manner in which the Police Department addresses the homeless attest to his skills.

I ask your support for Mike as he assumes his new responsibilities as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Rosehill

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and PSM Committee Members:

I strongly support the nomination of Mike Lambert as the next Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). Governor Green’s nomination is itself an exercise in sound judgement given that Mr. Lambert has extensive professional experience in the community to match his experience with the bureaucratic machinations of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), including the internal and external rigors of the Narcotics Enforcement Division.

Over the past six years I’ve seen Mr. Lambert’s engage a broad range of community stakeholders, including social services providers, and members of the public during his time with HPD, including the refinement of HPD’s Crisis Intervention Training (which needs to be further strengthened to reduce to risk of injury to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis). This kind of direct experience will strengthen the ability of the relatively nascent DLE in establishing itself as an organization that can embrace and embody accountability, transparency, and equanimity in the pursuit of its mission to “protect the public, preserve peace, and uphold the rights of all people.”

Importantly, Mr. Lambert is acutely aware of the role that social determinants of health, poverty, trauma, homelessness, and behavioral health issues have on a person and their surroundings. One hopes that he will continue to provide public leadership in the ongoing [evaluation of the impact of the criminal legal system on those with behavioral health issues](#) and those from under-resourced communities.

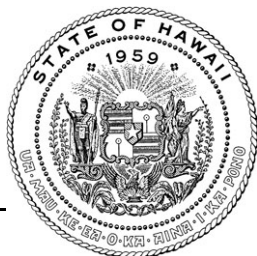
As most in public life recognize, Mr. Lambert is particularly adroit in communicating the nuances of his work and the department’s larger priorities in a range of public venues, including the state legislature, community gatherings, and [print](#) and [broadcast](#) media. [His profile in Honolulu Magazine](#) during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic is an exemplar of his ability to communicate with personal candor and deep concern for the community.

I’ve testified on the opposite side of Mr. Lambert (HPD) in the legislative process in recent years. We’ve always had very cordial personal interactions given the unarticulated understanding that our positions are rooted in a mutual commitment to the betterment of our polity.

In short, Mr. Lambert retains those professional and personal qualities that will be of great benefit to DLE and state government.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Nikos Leverenz
Aliamanu



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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
GM 645
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, MIKE LAMBERT,
for a term to expire 12-07-2026.**

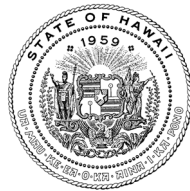
Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Committee.

I support the appointment of Mike Lambert to serve as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Mr. Lambert has more than two decades of experience in law enforcement and community engagement and is a veteran of the Honolulu Police Department, where he held key positions and earned a number of awards during his tenure there. He was honored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police for his leadership and innovation in law enforcement.

With Mr. Lambert's proven experience, as well as his educational background in public administration, I believe Mr. Lambert will bring his leadership and innovation to this position as he works collaboratively to enhance the department and serve the people of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer my support.



JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. GM 645

February 19, 2025
3:00 p.m.
Room 225 & Videoconference

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MIKE LAMBERT, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE 12-07-2026.

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

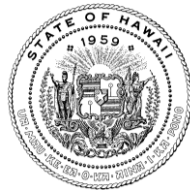
I strongly support the appointment of Mike Lambert to the position of director of the Department of Law Enforcement (Department). I am working with Mike Lambert in my professional capacity as Director of Finance.

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. Lambert 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. Lambert has been serving as the director at the Department of Law Enforcement since February 1. Prior to that, he has experience working at Honolulu Police Department. His work experience will benefit the department and the State; therefore, I support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
SABRINA NASIR
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. GM 645

February 19, 2025
3:00 p.m.
Room 225 & Videoconference

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

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

I strongly support the appointment of Mike Lambert to the position of director of the Department of Law Enforcement. I am working with Mike Lambert 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. Lambert 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. Lambert has been serving as the director at the Department of Law Enforcement since February 1, 2025. Prior to that, he served in the Honolulu Police Department and has more than 22 years of experience in law enforcement. His work experience will benefit the department and the State; therefore, I support his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Before the Senate Committee on Public Safety
and Military Affairs

On Measure GM 645 – Confirmation of Mike Lambert to the Department of Law Enforcement –
Written Testimony in Support

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

I write in **strong support** of the confirmation of Major Mike Lambert to the Department of Law Enforcement.

While I submit this testimony in my individual capacity, I have had the privilege of working closely with Maj. Lambert in my professional role as a Deputy Attorney General over the past two years. Throughout our collaboration, Maj. Lambert has consistently demonstrated exceptional professionalism, diligence, and integrity. What sets Maj. Lambert apart is his decisiveness, creativity, and ability to think strategically in addressing complex challenges. He possesses a remarkable ability to balance a broad, visionary perspective with a hands-on approach to problem-solving. Maj. Lambert is truly a natural leader.

Given his extensive experience, exceptional judgment, and proven leadership, I have the utmost confidence that Maj. Lambert will guide the Department of Law Enforcement to new heights of success. I offer my full and unequivocal support for his confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,



Cheuk Fu Lui

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY ON GM 645

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL STEPHEN F. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Aloha Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on **GM645 in SUPPORT** of Major Mike Lambert's appointment as Director for the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

Major Lambert is a distinguished veteran of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and will bring valued law enforcement expertise and experience to the state as its DLE Director. He is a decorated law enforcement veteran of 22 years and has served the community and the HPD in various assignments and commands. His proven track record and his emphasis on community relationship building poise him to bring innovation and strategies that will enhance the DLE and prepare Hawaii for the future known and unknown challenges that our state is sure to face.

Major Lambert will also be a collaborator of law enforcement partners, community leaders and Hawaii residents. He has been acknowledged for his leadership and innovation by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and is respected by his subordinates, peers and superiors. Under Major Lambert's leadership the DLE will take a wholistic approach to ensure a safer and stronger Hawaii, and a DLE that will strive to be collaborative and accountable.

I have great respect for Major Lambert. He is a selfless public servant who has dedicated his career to protecting and serving the people of Hawaii. He embodies integrity and commitment and has a deep and rooted understanding of public safety. I am confident he will provide inimitable leadership, understanding and direction to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities, as well as a high standard of justice.

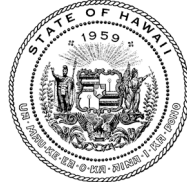
The State of Hawaii and its people would be lucky to Major Lambert as DLE's leader.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY OF
GARY S. SUGANUMA, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION

TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

In consideration of G.M. No. 645

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mike Lambert

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2025

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 225

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

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. Mike Lambert as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

With the experience gain through his distinguished career with the Honolulu Police Department, Lambert is qualified and prepared to lead the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). I believe that Mr. Lambert is committed to making Hawai'i a safer place and will do a great job.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 645.

GM-645

Submitted on: 2/15/2025 8:29:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of confirming for Director of Law Enforcement.

Mahalo,

Alan Urasaki



Kathy Moriyama
45-119 B William Henry Road
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February 17, 2025

Dear Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs:

I would like to submit my personal testimony on Governor's Message No. 645. I have been a part of the Department of Law Enforcement since the establishment of the department. It was a whirlwind of changes that, with the hard work and determination of the former administration, it is up and running. Not to say there were no hiccups but due to the lack of resources and uncertainty, there were challenges along the way.

I am fortunate to continue my position with Major Lambert. Although, I have not had the pleasure of being acquainted with Major Lambert before now, I had a brief period working directly with Director Lambert. I am happy to see that he has the energy and desire to make a positive difference in the department. From the moment he walked through the doors, he's met with various staff and entities that has an interest in the department. He has hit the ground running since to understand the operation, what challenges each division is facing, and working to fairly resolve these issues.

He is concise in his decisions and clear as to what he expects from each of us. From day one, he has had a "can do", positive attitude. I am confident that Mike Lambert can lead and make a positive impact on the department and the employees.

He has proven to be a successful leader in his various accolades throughout his career. I respectfully ask the commission to confirm Mike Lambert as the Director for the Department of Law Enforcement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Moriyama". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial 'K'.

Kathy Moriyama

GM-645

Submitted on: 2/16/2025 12:31:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT nominee Mike Lambert for the position of Director of Law Enforcement. As a retired Assistant Chief of the Maui Police Department, our Vice Division relied heavily upon his expertise in illegal gaming machines. He interacted well with our officers and was well respected by us all. Lambert is a great choice.

GM-645

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 7:51:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jared Redulla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of Mike Lambert's nomination for Director of Law Enforcement. Mike's experience working to support the intersection of law enforcement, mental health, and homelessness will aid him to be a successful Director. Please support his nomination.

GM-645

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:45:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Merriam	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in strong support of Acting Director Mike Lambert to be confirmed as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. Acting Director Lambert has been very active in Crisis Intervention Team amongst other initiatives and we have seen him balance public health and public safety by collaborating with community members. He has developed several community programs such as HELP Honolulu and CIT, as well as ensuring that community has a voice.

I have worked in mental health for over 40 years and it has been an honor to work with Mike. I am in awe of his leadership skills. I have seen him handle very difficult situations and I believe Hawai'i is very fortunate to have this kind of individual in this position. His integrity and moral compass is exactly what Hawai'i needs right now. He is an incredible addition to Governor Green's team. He is a true champion for mental health.

We **need** Mike Lambert in this position, our state **deserves** the best leadership possible in this critical position, please make Mike the next Director of Law Enforcement. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Kathleen Merriam, Licensed Clinical Social Worker & Certified Substance Abuse Specialist, NAMI Advisor, CIT Trainer

February 18, 2025

To: Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday February 19, 2025 3:00 PM

Re: Testimony in in Strong Support of GM 645 – Mike Lambert for Director of DLE

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

I am in writing in **strong support** of Acting Director, Mike Lambert, to be confirmed as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. I originally met Acting Director Lambert when he was coordinating the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) for Honolulu Police Department. Acting Director Lambert has a strong moral character and work ethic that is a necessary for strong leadership. He is able to seamlessly balance public health and public safety, and more importantly, he works collaboratively with community members. He has developed several community programs such as HELP Honolulu and CIT, as well as ensuring that community has a voice. We need a leader like him as the next Director of Law Enforcement. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Newalu', written in a cursive style.

Jamie Newalu, LSW
Private Citizen

GM645

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
February 19, 2025
Conference Room 225

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, I submit this testimony in the strongest support possible for the nomination of Major Mike Lambert to lead the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

I have known Major Lambert for more than twenty years. We first met when I was the Administrative Director of the State Courts. We served together on a committee to humanely address homeless and addicted persons involved in the criminal justice system. Later, as a Family Court Judge, I worked with Major Lambert to work on systemic changes to assist women who were victims of domestic violence. And in 2023/2024, I facilitated a committee, of which Major Lambert was a member, charged with developing a program for mentally ill persons involved in the criminal justice system.

Based on my extensive experience working with Major Lambert, I can say with complete confidence, that he is bright, compassionate, dedicated, creative, fair, conscientious, and has the highest integrity and character. But above all else, the quality that stands out for me is Major Lambert's deep commitment to effectuate positive and needed change and reform, including and especially, when it requires courage. Major Lambert, in the face of adversity and resistance, is fearless, and I deeply admire and respect him for being so.

Should you have any questions about what I've written, please feel free to contact me at info@broderickresolution.com.

Major Lambert will make a terrific Director of DLE, he has my unequivocal support, and urge the Committee to support his nomination.

Mahalo.



Judge Michael Broderick

GM-645

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:08:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lani Anisa Wiseman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in strong support of Acting Director Mike Lambert’s confirmation as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. I have personally worked with Acting Director Lambert and have witnessed his expertise, leadership, and deep commitment to public safety and officer wellness. He understands when a situation requires heightened security and when specialized skills are necessary, always prioritizing the well-being of both officers and the community.

Acting Director Lambert has played a crucial role in advancing Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) initiatives and other community-driven programs, including HELP Honolulu. His ability to balance public safety with public health by fostering collaboration between law enforcement and community members demonstrates the type of leadership we need. He is not only an advocate for innovative solutions but also ensures that the voices of the community are heard and valued.

With his experience, dedication, and forward-thinking approach, Acting Director Lambert is the right choice to lead the Department of Law Enforcement. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Anisa Wiseman

NAMI Hawaii

Deputy Director

GM-645

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Testimony for PSM on 2/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

IN STRONG SUPPORT

I respectfully offer my strong support for MIKE LAMBERT as Director for the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE). I work for the DLE, and had the opportunity to get to know him since he started on February 3. His communication style, experience, and upbeat attitude make for an effective leader. I also had the opportunity to hear his ideas and am looking forward to his leadership to build the department.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Hansen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am in writing in strong support of Acting Director Mike Lambert to be confirmed as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. Lambert has been a critical part of the Crisis Intervention Team on Hawaii Island. I have seen him balance public health and public safety by collaborating with community members. He has developed several community programs such as HELP Honolulu and CIT. He is skilled at making sure that community has a voice and we need a leader like him as the next Director of Law Enforcement.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify!

Tim Hansen, MSW, Clinical Lead for Hawaii County CIT

GM-645

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 2:49:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Morishige	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am testifying as an individual in strong support of the appointment of Mike Lambert as Director of the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE).

I formerly served as the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and had the privilege of working together with Mike in this capacity. He was then a Lieutenant with the Honolulu Police Department, and then moved quickly up the ranks to Captain, and then Major. Mike spearheaded a number of initiatives to address homelessness while with HPD - including successful initiatives like HELP Honolulu, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), the Chinatown Joint Outreach Center (JOC), and HONU (Homeless Outreach & Navigation to the Unsheltered).

Mike is not just a visionary leader, as demonstrated through his work with HPD. He also has a demonstrated ability to form and sustain strong partnerships with the community and other partners. I witnessed this first hand in the homelessness sector, and saw Mike build strong relationships with homeless outreach providers, State and City government leaders, and community business owners and neighborhood boards.

I am confident that Mike will bring his vision, leadership, and ability to build partnerships with him to his new role as Director of DLE.

Once again, I testify in strong support of Mike Lambert's appointment as Director of DLE. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-645

Submitted on: 2/18/2025 2:58:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/19/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Van Acker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs:

I am writing in strong support of Mike Lambert to become confirmed as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. I had the pleasure of working closely with Mr. Lambert while he was employed with the Honolulu Police Department. Mr. Lambert is highly respected by his peers and viewed as an innovative problem solver. In addition, Mr. Lambert took on a community facing role and did an exemplary job of activating engaging with the public on matters of significant import. I have every confidence that he will be an outstanding Director for the Department of Law Enforcement and ensure that the institution lives up to its vast potential.

Sincerely,

David Van Acker

** Please note that I am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity.

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Mark M. Hanohano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui,

I have known Mike Lambert for a while, as we share the same profession. I have always considered him a capable colleague, always willing to kokua. Mike is someone who has shown that he is willing to accept, assess and action an operation, not letting challenges deter determination to complete. Mike is a polished professional that is dedicated to duty and committed to cause, with a focus on fulfilling his sworn obligation to protect and serve. Mike's leadership exudes aloha, with him sincerely expressing mahalo to all he identifies as 'ohana. Mike embraces his privileged opportunity to be a public servant, knowing that this role allows him to malama. The Department of Law Enforcement is in its infancy stage and there is no one better, no one more focused on fruition to reach destination than Mike Lambert. Mike Lambert is the right person to lead the Department of Law Enforcement to maturation. Mike Lambert is the leader the Department of Law Enforcement needs.

Mahalo piha,

Mark M. "Dutch" Hanohano

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February 18, 2025

Senator Brandon Elefante, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

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

I am in support of the confirmation of Mike Lambert to the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Because of his many years in the law enforcement field, his work ethic and his positive attitude, I believe he will be an asset to the Department of Law Enforcement and the State of Hawaii.

Respectfully,

Nalani Furtado

Hawaii State Senate
415 S Beretania St
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Nomination of Mike Lambert to Director of the Department of Law Enforcement

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Public Safety and Military Affairs,

I strongly recommend Mr. Mike Lambert for the position of Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. With extensive experience in law enforcement, outstanding leadership, and a commitment to public safety, he is the ideal candidate.

Mr. Lambert has served for 23 years, excelling in operations, policy development, and community engagement. His integrity, transparency, and dedication have strengthened trust between law enforcement and the public.

His deep understanding of Hawaii's unique challenges and strategic approach make him exceptionally qualified. I urge the Senate to approve his appointment to enhance public safety across the state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kathy Sio

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February 16, 2025

Dear Distinguished Hawai'i State Senators,

Please accept this letter of support for Major Mike Lambert for the position of Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) Director. I have known Major Lambert for approximately 2 years in my position as Missing Child Center Hawai'i (MCCH) Coordinator in the Department of the Attorney General (AG). I have served as a child protection professional for over 20 years, including 13 years as a licensed Hawai'i attorney.

Major Lambert is one of the most highly respected and celebrated law enforcement officers in the state. He is revered as a modern leader who has devoted his life's work to public service and community empowerment. In his long and impressive career at HPD, he has served Honolulu County with tremendous honor, integrity, professionalism, compassion and humility. He has earned himself an outstanding reputation for being a strong and engaging leader and brilliant innovator of community-centered programs addressing the state's most complex challenges, including, but not limited to, community homelessness.

Major Lambert has a proven track record of coordinating public safety efforts, managing specialized law enforcement divisions and fostering multi-agency partnerships. As the architect of the nationally recognized HONU program, he created a new tool for law enforcement officers to divert homeless individuals from citation/arrest and provide them with short-term shelter and necessary services. He also recognized the inherent safety risks for homeless youth who are unprotected against abuse and exploitation. Under his leadership, HPD's HTU partnered with the AG's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and MCCH, Department of Human Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Susannah Wesley Community Center in the multi-agency "Operation Shine the Light," which resulted in the safe location and recoveries of 11 missing and exploited children and youth across O'ahu in July 2023.

It is through my experiences working closely with Major Lambert on various committees and task forces that I learned of his unrelenting commitment to public safety. He is a uniter, and his leadership continues to strengthen the community and law enforcement as a whole. Major Lambert is best known for his ability to listen, respect and consider the positions, interests and concerns of colleagues, partners and stakeholders. He does not work in silos and advocates for open and enhanced communication and collaboration to ensure mutual goals can be achieved.

Major Lambert has all of the credentials, experience, knowledge, work ethic and passion to be an exemplary DLE Director and would be a huge asset to the State. As such, it is without reservation that I offer my full and enthusiastic support for Major Lambert to serve as the DLE's new Director. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.

Respectfully Yours,

/s/

Amanda Leonard, J.D.



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February 17, 2025

Members of the Legislature,

I write in avid support of Major Mike Lambert's appointment to serve as the State's next Director of The Department of Law Enforcement.

As the Executive Director for The Institute for Human Services (IHS), I have been collaborating with Major Lambert for the last 10 years as he initiated novel and effective strategies with the Honolulu Police Department to address both the real needs of houseless individuals and potential threats to public safety.

Lambert's leadership in bringing service providers and police together has been phenomenal. He began by initiating HELP Honolulu, offering police presence alongside homeless outreach specialists at different times of the day, to both enhance safety for outreach workers, but also for police to learn from service providers. This also led to the establishing of the Chinatown Joint Outreach Center that brought service providers and

The City's Honolulu Outreach Navigation Unit (HONU) was originally the brainchild of Lambert as a way to provide a place for police to provide safe harbor for unsheltered homeless individuals encountered to access services. It has since been turned over to the City of Honolulu to operate. But, IHS had the pleasure of collaborating with the mobile shelter during the COVID pandemic when it was known as POST-HONU. IHS brought in a lot of medical, and behavioral health services to augment the provision of basic shelter services by the police. Incorporated was a way to quarantine individuals until they had proven to be free of COVID19 before they progressively moved on to a campsite out of quarantine. This contributed significantly to our community being able to manage the spread of infection among homeless individuals and our community in general.

I share these examples of Major Lambert's creativity and the diligence he applies to problem solving just from his assignment related to homelessness. But we have also been the beneficiary of his commitment to reducing drug trafficking in his most recent assignment leading the Narcotics and Vice Division. In short time after reporting game rooms in our neighborhood in the Kapalama district, we witnessed enforcement and shutting down the enterprise that had lured many of our shelter residents to fall of their direction of recovery. We remain grateful for such swift action.

Finally, I want to laud Lambert's efforts to redesign police training regarding interventions with mentally ill persons that resulted in the development of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for Honolulu Police officers that has now been exported to the neighbor islands. As a psychiatric advanced practice nurse who has worked with mentally ill and those with co-occurring substance use disorders, I am extremely thankful for this initiative and how it is helping our police across the State become more able and ready to intervene with mentally ill individuals who are often those found unsheltered on our streets and beaches. I believe Mike Lambert's cultural sensitivity as a Native Hawaiian himself makes him a particularly good selection for the





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role in this moment in time, given the percentage of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders who are experiencing homelessness, have brushes with the law and are incarcerated.

There is no one I can think of that would be a better leader to appoint to lead the State's Law Enforcement Department that would bring as much thought, diligence and heart to the work. Please confirm Major Mike Lambert this appointment with no reservations. Our State would be blessed to have him lead.

Sincerely,

Constance Mitchell, MS, APRN
Executive Director



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February 17, 2025

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members of the Public Safety & Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee

Re: GM 645 Mike Lambert

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Mike Lambert as the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

I have known Mike Lambert for approximately 5 years. Before I met him, I heard of Mike in the context of HONU (Homeless Outreach and Navigation for Unsheltered Persons), which was a Honolulu Police Department (HPD) program to shelter homeless individuals and to help them move to other services such as emergency shelters or medical services. I learned later that Mike was the person responsible for creating and managing this program for HPD. It was very successful, reached many individuals and it is now a program of the City and County of Honolulu.

I got to really know Mike starting in 2021 from talking to him at various law enforcement meetings and got to know him very well when he was in charge of HPD's Training Academy because I have participated in the HPD's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training since 2017, which is a one week course, on a quarterly basis, open to HPD officers and other law enforcement officers. Through CIT, officers are able to further develop their skills in dealing with a crisis tied to mental health needs. Mike has involved mental health and other community treatment providers in the HPD's CIT program and it is very well-received by the participants who are able to immediately apply what they learned in their day-to-day work. And the volunteers from these non-governmental organizations learn about the challenges and issues facing law enforcement officers which has led to a greater understanding of each other's work. Mike took a "hands on" approach and he is a certified CIT instructor.

I have since learned that Mike, from early in his career, partnered with various community as well as with governmental organizations whose responsibilities include helping those with mental health disabilities. He is a quick study, asks questions and is able to synthesize masses of information and, most importantly, he is able to come up with a plan and he can execute that plan. I was not involved but based on news reports and what I have been told by those who were involved, he demonstrated that ability with his work as the Major of the Narcotics Vice Division when he came up with a plan to deal with game rooms on Oahu. In October 2024, HPD announced that the number of illegal game rooms in Honolulu was cut in half over the past year, in large part due to operations targeting property owners. The success of these operations was the result of Mike's leadership, his ability to work well with other law enforcement partners and his ability to motivate people. Mike has a reputation of being able

and willing to work with everyone including those who might not necessarily agree with his position. He is open to new ideas and believes in collaborating and joining forces with others toward shared goals to protect the community and promote public safety. Mike rose through the ranks of HPD, starting as a patrol officer for 8 years and was promoted to Major in 2024. Mike is a leader with a vision and working collaboratively with others, he will come up with workable strategies, objectives and plans. He is able to obtain "buy in" from stakeholders and he will "deliver." If Mike tells you that he can do something, he will.

I also know that Mike respects and follows the law, he will always do the right thing and always in a respectful way--he is even-tempered and maintains a professional demeanor. He is a "straight shooter"--he might disagree with someone, but he is never disagreeable. Mike is decisive, he will make tough calls and he will explain his decision. These are some of the reasons he is well-respected in the law enforcement community and in the community at large.

I believe that Mike Lambert is the right person to be the Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. He is a tireless worker, he will follow the law, he understands 21st century law enforcement, he will work well with HPD and all local, state and federal agencies, and he understands our community.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Florence Nakakuni".

FLORENCE NAKAKUNI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LaVada Beard-Holdener	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have had the pleasure of working closely with Acting Director Lamert while training CIT courses. I HIGHLY support the decision to promote Mike Lambert to Director of the Department of Law Enforcement.

He holds a high standard of excellence while managing to remain a key community member. These are the type of folks I want representing me in office.

He comes with integrity, skill, knowledge and lived experience. I don't think we could pick a better man for the job.

LaVada Beard

Honolulu Resident 96815