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December 5, 2024

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

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Speaker
and Members of the House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, 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 134-87(b)(3), Hawai'i 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/2025/DC25-Report-On-Usage-Of-Electric-Guns-FY24.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-Third Legislature
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**Prepared by:
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State of Hawaii**

**In response to:
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**Honolulu, Hawaii
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