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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 1364

**February 3, 2025**  
**3:15 p.m.**  
**Room 225 and Videoconference**

MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
PERSONNEL COSTS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports this bill with proposed amendments inserting in the necessary appropriation dollar amounts and providing the necessary dollar amounts and percentage by which the FY 25 appropriations in this bill would exceed the FY 25 expenditure ceiling.

Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 1364 makes emergency appropriations to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) and the Judiciary for transfer payments to the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) for payroll costs of sheriffs.

Section 3 of Act 164, SLH 2023, as amended by Act 230, SLH 2024, appropriated general funds to DAGS in FY 25 for transfer payments to DLE for payroll costs of sheriffs. Similarly, Section 3 of Act 70, SLH 2023, as amended by Act 233, SLH 2024, appropriated general funds in FY 25 to the Judiciary for transfer payments to DLE for payroll costs of sheriffs. While appropriations out of the general fund of the State of Hawai'i exclude fringe benefit costs, fringe benefits must be included if an appropriation from a non-general fund is used to fund positions. Because these

aforementioned appropriations did not include fringe benefits, a critical funding shortage exists, and additional funds must be appropriated to cover fringe benefit costs.

We recommend that the following dollar amounts be inserted into the bill:

1. In Section 3 of the bill (page 2, line 11), \$1,520,304; and
2. In Section 4 of the bill (page 2, line 19), \$3,231,492.

We also suggest the expenditure ceiling declaration in Section 5 (page 3, lines 4 through 12) be amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 5. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 has already been exceeded by \$8,551,795, or 1 per cent. In addition, the appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further exceeded by \$4,751,796, or 1 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriations made in this Act are necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the needs addressed by this Act.”

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1364  
RELATING TO EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS  
Before the Senate Committee on  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
Monday, February 3, 2025, 3:15 PM  
State Capitol Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

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

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) strongly supports Senate Bill 1364. This bill makes emergency appropriations for fiscal year 2024-2025 to cover payroll and fringe benefits for DLE personnel through interdepartmental transfers from the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Judiciary.

The interdepartmental transfer mechanism proposed in this bill aligns with proper fiscal management practices while ensuring that critical law enforcement services remain uninterrupted. This funding is essential for maintaining our operational capacity and fulfilling our mandate to provide the highest level of law enforcement service for the public, state employees, and state properties.

The two emergency appropriations totaling \$6,201,692 in general funds for fiscal year 2024-2025 to cover payroll and fringe benefits costs and increase the ceiling for law enforcement personnel of the Department of Law Enforcement: (1) \$2,174,049 for the Department of Accounting and General Services and (2) \$4,027,643 for the Judiciary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this bill.

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OF  
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TO THE  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

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S.B. 1364

MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
PERSONNEL COSTS.

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 1364.

S.B. 1364 makes emergency appropriations for fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) and the Judiciary for payroll and fringe benefits of affected Department of Law Enforcement personnel.

The Department of Accounting and General Services **supports** this measure. The Department defers to the Department of Law Enforcement on the amount of the appropriation required for personnel payroll and fringe benefits. It may be necessary to provide a ceiling increase for the Department of Law Enforcement Interdepartmental transfer funds (MOF U) to expend emergency appropriation funds received from DAGS

and the Judiciary.

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

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*The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i*

**Testimony to the Thirty-Third Legislature, 2025 Regular Session**

**Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**

Senator Brandon J. C. Elefante, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Monday, February 3, 2025 at 3:15 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

by

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill 1364, Making Emergency Appropriations for Law Enforcement Personnel Costs

**Purpose:** Makes emergency appropriations to cover payroll and fringe benefit costs for law enforcement personnel of the Department of Law Enforcement for the Department of Accounting and General Services and for the Judiciary.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary strongly supports this bill which seeks to appropriate general funds to cover payroll and fringe benefit costs for law enforcement personnel which were not covered by Section 3 of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023, as amended by Act 230, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2024; and Section 3 of Act 70, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023, as amended by Act 233, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2024.

However, the Judiciary requests the appropriation pertaining to Department of Law Enforcement deputies who serve the Judiciary to be appropriated to the Department of Budget and Finance, for consistent calculation of fringe benefits among other DLE employees and general-funded employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 1364.