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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1045, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL COSTS**

Before the Senate Committee on

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 3:00 PM

State Capitol Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Testifiers: Russell Fong

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

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports House Bill 1045, House Draft 1, which makes emergency appropriations for fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Judiciary for payroll and fringe benefits of affected Department of Law Enforcement personnel.

This bill is critical to ensuring that the Department of Law Enforcement can maintain operational continuity by securing necessary funding for personnel costs during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The emergency appropriations will address current funding shortfalls for payroll and fringe benefits of our law enforcement personnel through interdepartmental transfers, which is essential for maintaining public safety operations without interruption.

The DLE is a relatively new department that continues to develop its operational capacity and infrastructure to fulfill its statewide law enforcement mission. Adequate funding for personnel costs is foundational to our ability to recruit, retain, and properly

compensate the qualified law enforcement professionals needed to provide security and law enforcement services across the state.

Without this emergency appropriation, the department would face significant challenges in meeting its payroll obligations, which could adversely impact our ability to maintain adequate staffing levels for critical law enforcement functions. This bill ensures that our officers can continue their essential work protecting Hawaii's residents and visitors.

The interdepartmental transfer mechanism outlined in this bill represents a pragmatic approach to addressing immediate funding needs while longer-term budget solutions are developed. The DLE appreciates the legislature's recognition of the urgent nature of this funding requirement.

DLE recommends the following:

1. Amending page 2, line 12 by inserting \$2,480,509.
2. Amending page 2, line 20 by inserting \$4,673,616.
3. Amending page 3, lines 5-13 to read:

“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 \$7,154,125, 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 the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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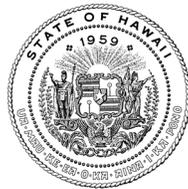
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PERSONNEL COSTS.

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 1045 H.D.1.

H.B. 1045 H.D. 1 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.

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



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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.

House Bill No. 1045, H.D. 1, 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 for 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 for 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:

- In Section 3 of the H.D. 1 (page 3, line 12), \$2,480,509; and
- In Section 4 of the bill (page 3, line 20), \$4,673,616.

Additionally, a commensurate appropriation of interdepartmental transfer fund ceiling for DLE is necessary to read as follows:

"SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of interdepartmental transfer funds the sum of \$7,154,125, or so much thereof as may be necessary in fiscal year 2024-2025 for personnel costs, including payroll and fringe benefits.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of law enforcement."

We also suggest the expenditure ceiling declaration in Section 5 (page 4, lines 5 through 13) be amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 6. 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. The appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further exceeded by \$7,154,125, or 1 per cent. This declaration takes into account the additional general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal year 2024-2025 in this Act only. 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.



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

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 1045, H.D. 1, Making Emergency Appropriations for Law Enforcement Personnel Costs

Purpose: Makes emergency appropriations for fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Judiciary for payroll and fringe benefits of affected Department of Law Enforcement personnel.

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.

The Judiciary has conferred with the Department of Budget and Finance and is agreeable with receiving an appropriation for this purpose and transferring the appropriated amount to the Department of Law Enforcement for deputies who serve the Judiciary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-1045-HD-1

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Comments:

I support this initiative.