THE SENATE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. ²⁵⁹¹ S.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECT	ION 1. Section 52D-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended to	o read as follows:
3	"[+]!	52D-3.5 Reports to legislature.[] (a) The chief of
4	each count	cy police department shall submit to the legislature no
5	later than	n January 31 of each year an annual report [to the
6	legislatu	re-twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
7	session i	n each year.] of misconduct incidents that resulted in
8	suspension	n or discharge of a police officer. The reporting
9	period of	each report shall be from January 1 to December 31 of
10	the year	immediately prior to the year of the report submission.
11	<u>(b)</u>	The report shall [include a summary of]:
12	(1)	Summarize the facts and the nature of the misconduct
13		for each incident [which resulted in the suspension or
14		discharge of a police officer,];
15	(2)	Specify the disciplinary action imposed for each
16		incident[, and] <u>;</u>
17	(3)	Identify any other incident in the annual report
18		committed by the same police officer;



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1	(4)	State whether the highest non-judicial grievance
2		adjustment procedure timely invoked by the police
3		officer or the police officer's representative has
4		concluded.
5		(A) If the highest non-judicial grievance adjustment
6		procedure has concluded, the report shall state:
7		(i) Whether the incident concerns conduct
8		punishable as a crime, and if so, describe
9		the county police department's findings of
10		fact and conclusions of law concerning the
11		criminal conduct; and
12	·	(ii) Whether the county police department
13		notified the prosecuting attorney of the
14		incident.
15		(B) If the highest non-judicial grievance adjustment
16		procedure has not concluded, the report shall
17		state the current stage of the non-judicial
18		procedure as of the end of the reporting period;
19		and
20	(5)	Tabulate the number of police officers suspended and
21		discharged during the previous year under the

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1	following categories of the department's Standards of
2	Conduct:
3	[(1)] <u>(A)</u> Malicious use of physical force;
4	[(2)] <u>(B)</u> Mistreatment of prisoners;
5	[(3)] (C) Use of drugs and narcotics; and
6	[(4)] <u>(D)</u> Cowardice.
7	(c) The summary of facts provided in accordance with
8	subsection (b)(1) shall not be of such a nature so as to
9	disclose the identity of the individuals involved.
10	(d) For any incident reported pursuant to this section and
11	subject to subsection (b)(4)(B), the county police department
12	shall provide updated information in each successive annual
13	report, until the highest non-judicial grievance adjustment
14	procedure timely invoked by the police officer has concluded.
15	In each successive annual report, the updated information shall
16	reference where the incident appeared in the prior annual
17	report. For any incident resolved without disciplinary action
18	after the conclusion of the non-judicial grievance adjustment
19	procedure, the county police department shall summarize the
20	basis for not imposing disciplinary action.
21	(e) For each incident reported in an annual report, the
22	county police department shall retain the disciplinary records

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1	in accordance with its record retention policy or for at least
2	six months after the final annual report concerning that
3	incident, whichever period is longer."
4	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
6	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.
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Report Title:

Law Enforcement; Police Officer; Misconduct; Annual Report

Description:

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Requires the chief of each county police department to submit an annual report to the legislature of misconduct incidents that resulted in suspension or discharge of a police officer from the calendar year immediately prior to the year of the report submission. Requires the county police departments to provide updated information in each successive annual report until the highest non-judicial grievance adjustment procedure has concluded. Requires the county police departments to retain the disciplinary records in accordance with its record retention policy or for at least six months, whichever period is longer. Effective on 07/01/50. (SD1)

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