

JAN 21 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 52D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§52D- Acquisition of military type equipment;
5 prohibited. (a) No police department shall acquire, purchase,
6 or otherwise accept:

7 (1) Weaponized unmanned aerial vehicles;

8 (2) Aircraft that are configured for combat or are combat-
9 coded and have no established commercial flight
10 application;

11 (3) Grenade launchers and grenades or similar explosives
12 and explosive delivery devices;

13 (4) Standard issue military rifles;

14 (5) Armored multi-wheeled vehicles that are mine-
15 resistant, ambush-protected, and configured for combat
16 from a surplus program operated by the federal
17 government;



1 (6) Camouflage uniforms; or
2 (7) Sound cannons, sound energy weapons, or long range
3 acoustic devices;
4 provided that this section shall not prohibit a police
5 department from taking possession of any item in paragraphs (1)
6 through (7) in the course of an investigation as evidence.

7 (b) A police department may petition the director of
8 public safety for approval to acquire items listed in subsection
9 (a) for use by special weapons and tactics teams and other
10 specialized service units.

11 §52D- Use of certain devices in situations involving
12 protests or demonstrations; prohibited. (a) No law enforcement
13 officer employed by a police department shall use kinetic energy
14 munitions or noxious chemical agent in any action involving
15 protests or demonstrations.

16 (b) For the purposes of this section:
17 "Kinetic energy munitions" includes but is not limited to
18 impact projectiles; rubber or foam baton projectiles; bean bag
19 projectiles; and projectiles coated in plastic, wax, wood, or
20 rubber.



1 "Noxious chemical agent" includes tear gas, mustard gas,
2 phosgene gas, and any other chemical or mixture of chemicals
3 formulated to produce nausea or other injurious effects upon
4 contact or inhalation."

5 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 30

Report Title:

Police Departments; Military Equipment; Prohibition

Description:

Prohibits police departments from acquiring certain types of military equipment and using certain types of equipment on protesters and demonstrators.

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