

JAN 21 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

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

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

(1) Weaponized unmanned aerial vehicles;

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

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

(4) Military standard issue rifles;

(5) Armored multi-wheeled vehicles that are mine-resistant, ambush-protected, and configured for combat from a surplus program operated by the federal 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 a noxious chemical agent in any action involving
15 protests or demonstrations.

16 (b) For the purposes of this section:

17 "Kinetic energy munitions" includes impact projectiles;
18 rubber or foam baton projectiles; bean bag projectiles; and
19 projectiles coated in plastic, wax, wood, or rubber.

20 "Noxious chemical agent" includes tear gas, mustard gas,
21 phosgene gas, and any other chemical or mixture of chemicals



1 formulated to produce nausea or other injurious effects upon
2 contact or inhalation."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 2239

Report Title:

Police Departments; Military Equipment; Protests and Demonstrations; 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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