

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 70

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 70, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to pursue and obtain accreditation for the Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for enforcing laws on public lands and waters of the State to ensure public peace and safety. Your Committee further finds that the Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program was previously required to obtain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., but the requirement was inadvertently

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repealed. This measure ensures that the law enforcement officers of the Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program are properly trained and equipped to fulfill their responsibilities in protecting the State's natural resources and environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Extending the deadline for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to pursue and obtain accreditation for the Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program to June 30, 2029; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 70, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 70, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referra		Date:	
SB70 SDI	EEP, FIN		03/2	12023
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:   Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold				
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	<b>A</b>	yes Ayes (W	(R) Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)				
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2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)	T L			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin				
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
6. WOODSON, Justin H.				
7. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (7)		>		
The recommendation is: Adopted   Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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