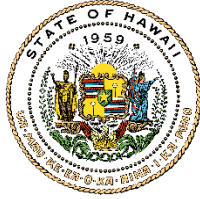


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Before the Senate Committee on
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Wednesday, February 1, 2023
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Via Video Conference, State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 70
RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
PROGRAM

Senate Bill 70 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to pursue and obtain accreditation for the Department's Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), Inc. and appropriates funding. **The Department supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

In 2009, the Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) participated in the CALEA formal accreditation process. The past effort was stymied by the amount of funding needed to implement the standards, and frustration encountered with consultation of new policies with the employee union. Due to these issues, continuing the accreditation effort was not feasible.

The Department is open to participating in the CALEA accreditation process. Participation will require appropriate amounts of funding needed for equipment purchases, training and possibly for capital improvements to DOCARE facilities to meet CALEA's standards. Funding will also be needed to maintain formal participation and affiliation with CALEA.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Comments:

I urge the committee to pass this bill.

Mahalo.