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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Secondth Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

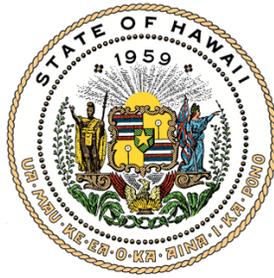
The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker
and Members of the House of
Representatives
Thirty-Secondth Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Department of Law Enforcement Annual Report to the 2024 Legislature Regarding Section 134-87(b), HRS Reporting Requirements.

Sincerely,

Jordan Lowe
Director



DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
REPORT TO THE 2024 LEGISLATURE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE USE AND DISCHARGE OF ELECTRIC GUNS

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE 2024 LEGISLATURE
SECTION 134-87(b), HRS, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Section 134-87(b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes states in part:

(b) Law enforcement agencies that authorize use of electric guns by its law enforcement officers . . . shall:

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- (2) Maintain records regarding every electric gun in its custody and control, including every instance of usage of the electric guns, in a similar manner as records are maintained for the discharge of firearms; and
- (3) Report to the legislature on the information in, and maintenance of, these records no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session.

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) has 25 Axon Taser 7 conducted electric weapons in its inventory that are fielded daily for law enforcement use.

DLE's conducted electric weapons are currently being carried in the field under a limited pilot project in its Law Enforcement Division. Based on the safety provided by these weapons to the public and the officers when they are carried, DLE has procured an additional stock of 100 weapons. However, those additional weapons have not been issued for duty while DLE considers an option for procurement of a newer model that has more functionality for law enforcement use.

During April 2023, DLE had three (3) incidents of its conducted electric weapons being used in the field during confrontations with resistant subjects. All the subjects were arrested, and no injuries were reported.

Date	Unit	Type of Call	Disposition	Discharge Type
April 2023	Airport	Resist Arrest	Suspect Arrested	Cartridge Discharge
April 2023	Airport	Resist Arrest	Suspect Arrested	Cartridge Discharge
April 2023	Capitol	Resist Arrest	Suspect Arrested	Drive Stun