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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the conservation and  
2 resources enforcement program of the department of land and  
3 natural resources shoulders responsibilities that are integral  
4 to preserving the public peace and safety. Specifically, the  
5 program is responsible for enforcing laws on public lands and  
6 waters of the State.

7           The legislature recognizes that proper training, equipment,  
8 and organizational support are imperative to the success of law  
9 enforcement officers in the conservation and resources  
10 enforcement program. To this end, the division of conservation  
11 and resources enforcement of the department of land and natural  
12 resources established an academy to better train law enforcement  
13 officers.

14           The legislature further finds that the Commission on  
15 Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., created in  
16 1979, serves as a law enforcement credentialing authority  
17 through collaboration with law enforcement executive



1 associations. The Honolulu and Maui police departments are  
2 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law  
3 Enforcement Agencies, Inc., and the sheriff division of the  
4 department of public safety is required to obtain accreditation  
5 pursuant to section 353C-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 The legislature further recognizes that the conservation  
7 and resources enforcement program was previously required to  
8 obtain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for  
9 Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. As recently as 2020, the  
10 conservation and resources enforcement program was required to  
11 obtain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for  
12 Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., in the use of electric guns, but  
13 Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, inadvertently repealed  
14 that requirement when it repealed the entirety of section  
15 134-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

16 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
17 land and natural resources to seek and obtain accreditation for  
18 the conservation and resources enforcement program from the  
19 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

20 SECTION 2. No later than June 30, 2030, the department of  
21 land and natural resources shall pursue and obtain accreditation



1 for the conservation and resources enforcement program from the  
2 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DLNR; Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program;  
Accreditation

**Description:**

Requires 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. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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