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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 124 AND HOUSE RESOLUTION 104 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO CONVENE A SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO DETER HIKERS FROM ENTERING ILLEGAL HIKING TRAILS AND TO ADDRESS RISING SEARCH AND RESCUE COSTS FACING THE STATE AND COUNTIES DUE TO INCREASED ILLEGAL HIKING TRAFFIC. Before the House Committee on Water & Land Tuesday, March 19, 2024; 9:30 a.m. State Capitol Conference Room 430, Via Videoconference WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Ishiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) **supports** this resolution urging the DLE to convene a working group to develop and make recommendations to deter hikers from entering illegal hiking trails and to address rising search and rescue costs facing the State and counties.

The DLE continues to support efforts to address the recovery of search and rescue costs incurred by reason of people who have ignored posted warnings, left defined hiking trails, and ventured into closed areas that have been posted. The DLE is supportive of the goals and objectives of this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this resolution.

HCR-124

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My name is John sabas. I offer this testimony in support of HCR124/HR104. Thank you.