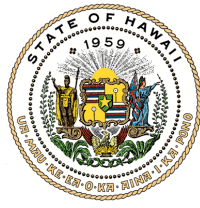


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2455, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO PRIVATE SECURITY CONTRACTS

Before the House Committee on Finance

Tuesday, February 27, 2024; 12:00 p.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 308, Via Videoconference

Testifiers: Michael Vincent, or Jared Redulla

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) **strongly supports**, House Bill 2459, House Draft 1.

This administration bill is a housekeeping measure that transfers the responsibility and management of certain private security contracts from the DLE to the Departments of Defense, Health, and Human Services for their respective facilities.

Act 278, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, gave DLE the responsibility for after-hours security contracts for the Departments of Defense, Health, and Human Services. These departments have traditionally managed these contracts and are in a better position to continue this practice. The proposed amendment to section 26-14.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, returns the private security contracts to these departments managing the private security contracts for their respective facilities which will continue to increase efficiencies of the security for these departments and their respective facilities by ensuring the departments retain greater control of these contracts, based on their direct access to on-the-ground information.

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

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health (“Department”) fully supports this measure and
2 requests it be considered for passage.

3 **Department Position:** The Department supports this measure and offers comments.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD), Hawaii State Hospital
5 provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

6 The Hawaii State Hospital (HSH) is a forensic facility serving the people of the State of
7 Hawaii that relies on contracted security services overseen by the hospital. Both the
8 Department and HSH support the Department of Law Enforcement’s (DLE) efforts to amend
9 section 26-14.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to return management of private security contracts to
10 the Hawaii State Hospital. This will allow the hospital to secure appropriate security services to
11 ensure the safety of patients, staff, and visitors. Consequently, the Department and HSH are
12 better equipped to ensure the proper and efficient management of security contracts for their
13 properties.

14 **Offered Amendments:** The Department offers no amendments to the bill.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.